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PROBLEM FOR SCHEINFLUG

The $150,000 transfer of George Christopoulos from South Melbourne to a Greek club, though hit by last-minute hitches, presents Australia's World Cup coach Les Scheinflug with a headache.

By JOHN FIELD

Even though Christopoulos is not a regular member of the national squad, the player is highly regarded by Scheinflug. And the Australian coach fears that "Christo's" dramatic flight to Greece could be the first of many similar defections of talented young players from this country.

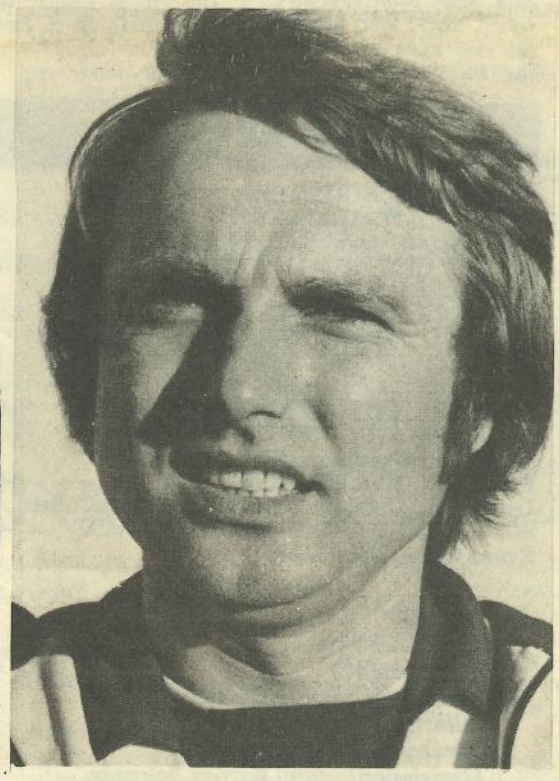
After returning from Fiji with the Cup squad, Scheinflug said : "We just cannot afford to lose players like Christopoulos. He is young, talented and could have a big future here.

"We also appear to be losing Greg Woodhouse to Preston in England. On top of that, there is a lot of talk about boys like Steve Blair, Alan Davidson, Peter Katholos, Graham Jennings and others going overseas.

"Unfortunately, there is not much we can do to prevent this. I believe we have a very good crop of young talent coming through in Australia, but what happens if they all get offers from foreign clubs ?"

It is indeed ironic that at a time when Australian Soccer stocks are at their lowest ebb and the Socceroos have been virtually dumped from the World Cup, many youngsters are showing the sort of talent which attracts overseas teams.

Tommy Docherty was right. Just before leaving Sydney Olympic to return to England, The Doc said : "Australia is one of the few countries in the world where useful players can be signed at a reasonable fee. That is why they are so attractive."



LES SCHEINFLUG

Les Scheinflug, unlike his predecessor Rudi Gutendorf, does not plan to impose unworkable restrictions on the movement of his star players.

Gutendorf persuaded his World Cup players to sign a document agreeing to remain in this country until after the World Cup.

Scheinflug said he has no thoughts about getting the "new look" Socceroos to enter into such an agreement.

FOOTNOTE : More bad news for the Socceroo coach. Jim Ziras, the Sydney Olympic centre-half, who is due for promotion to the national team, could be the next player to hop a plane bound for Greece.

Ziras told Olympic president John Constantine that he wants to go but was told he'd have to stay. The problem - for Olympic and for Scheinflug - cannot be solved that simply.

SOCCEROO SQUAD KEPT INTACT

Says David Jack

"When a team plays well, it would be silly to make changes." So said Australia's World Cup coach Les Scheinflug after naming his 22 man squad for the Cup elimination match against Fiji in Melbourne on Friday week.

Scheinflug has made only one change — bringing West Adelaide goalkeeper Martyn Crook back from the wilderness in place of Greg Woodhouse.

It is no reflection on Woodhouse who did not travel to Fiji for last week's 4 — 1 World Cup win. But Crook has consistently drawn rave revues from the critics this season, despite his struggling team conceding 41 PSL goals.

Crook's last international outing was in Adelaide against Northern Ireland a year ago when he turned on an outstanding performance. His reward was to be dumped by Rudi Gutendorf!

This is the 22-strong squad to face Fiji in Melbourne:-

Allan Maher, Glen Ahearn. Robert Wheatley, Steve Blair, Alan Niven, Alan Davidson. Gary Byrne, Murray Barnes, Tony Henderson, Peter Katholos. Peter Sharne, David Mitchell, Gary Cole, Ian Hunter, Eddie Krncevic, Tony Brennan, Martyn Crook, Ken Boden, Peter Raskopoulos, Mark Jankovics, Bobby Russell and John Kosmina.

It is a match the Socceroos must win if they are to cling to any minimal chance of remaining in the World Cup. But everything will depend on the New Zealand v Fiji match in Auckland two days after the Melbourne match.

Coach Scheinflug is convinced NZ's World Cup director, Charlie Dempsey, has pulled a fast one by bringing forward the Auckland match by 24 hours.

Scheinflug said: "Fiji will play us on the Friday night, travel on the Saturday to Auckland and play New Zealand on the Sunday. I don't think they'll be in very good shape to worry New Zealand."

Dempsey is constantly accused of manipulating match dates to improve NZ's winning chance. But surely that's his job. What a pity the Australian Soccer Federation is unable to match Dempsey in planning for the World Cup. The Socceroos would certainly benefit if the ASF had a Charlie Dempsey running things.

OLYMPIANS LINE UP OVERSEAS TOUR

by Keith Gilmour

Sydney Olympic are expected to be the second Philips Soccer League club to tour overseas at the conclusion of the season.

If the deal is finalised as expected, the official announcement is likely to be made this week.

The tour will take place in October.

Included are matches in Athens and Cyprus, three in England, and another in Singapore.

One of the English games will be against Tommy Docherty's Preston North End at Deepdale.

A sponsor is believed to be involved in assisting with tour finances.

Olympic's win over Heidelberg, merited or not, has lifted them a little further from the PSL relegation zone and heightened their anticipation for the tour.

There is no doubt they will give entertainment value for the customers wherever they go.

Wollongong Wolves is the other club to announce an overseas trip.

They will compete in the coming Kings Cup tournament in Bangkok in October, and also play in Singapore.

Wollongong has another iron in the fire.

Negotiations are proceeding for New Zealand to play them at Wollongong Showground on September 22, on the return leg after competing in the Merdeka Cup at Kuala Lumpur.

BIG BOOST FOR STATE TEAM

By Brad Earn

Croatia Sydney expect to receive a major sponsorship from leading Sydney car dealer John L, for 1982.

The man behind the John L Business, John Trlin, flew in and out of King Tomislav Park in a helicopter for Croatia's 3-0 victory over St George on Sunday.

Trlin's parents were Croatian, and they came to Australia when John was three.

Mr Trlin said: "I feel I should be amongst Croatians. I'm proud to be a Croatian. My father was a strong Croatia supporters," he said.

"It was a thrill today, and I'm considering sponsoring the team next year."

Mr Trlin said he was delighted with the hospitality of the club and the team. A big sponsorship would obviously add weight to Croatia's efforts to gain PSL admission.

"A lot of other businesses should sponsor Soccer," he said. "If the car dealers can compete on Parramatta Road, why not on the Soccer field as well?"

EDITORIAL

The Philips Soccer League is in danger of being branded a powder-puff League because of a desperate shortage of top strikers.

It is ridiculous to think that, with 23 rounds completed, the leading goalscorer in the PSL has scored only 12 goals.

Spectators like goals. They demand goals. And if teams don't score, it will mean curtains for Soccer's national competition.

It is possible, of course, that the blame does not lie entirely with individual players.

Perhaps they are playing to instructions from worried coaches whose prime aim is to stop goals being scored.

That type of muddled thinking has cost Soccer millions of spectators all over the world. It has even caused the intransigent Football League to alter its traditional method of awarding points in the 1981-82 season.

Coaches, and there are many of them, who field ultra-defensive formations do the code a grave disservice.

The 4-4-2 line-up, with only two players given freedom to strike for goal, is a Soccer cancer.

Some English critics claim their national team's decline started in 1970 when team manager Sir Alf Ramsey went to the Mexico World Cup with a two-man front line. They could be right.

In this context, it was surprising to note that Australia's coach Les Scheinflug, selected a two-man forward line (with Peter Sharne withdrawn to left midfield) against Fiji in the World Cup elimination game in Suva. Scheinflug denies it was a defensive line-up and the 4 - 1 result indicates his decision on selection was justified.

It is a long time since football teams lined up with five forwards, three half-backs and two full-backs.

Even to mention such a formation these days is considered as madness.

Maybe Soccer will have to return to such "madness" if it is to lure back its missing fans.

The only people really mad right now are the spectators.

Whatever his faults, Tommy Docherty achieved one break-through in his short stay with Sydney Olympic. He preached attacking football and his players responded.

The tactics probably would not win the PSL title for Sydney Olympic.

But at least the Olympic supporters were entertained.

Isn't that the name of the game?

Yet it would be wrong to place all the blame on coaching tactics for the dismal shortage of goals in the Philips League.

The point we made initially remains valid — there are hardly any outstanding strikers in the PSL. If Gary Cole is the best of them, it is obvious that there's a shortage.

It is a pretty poor state of affairs when, after 23 matches have been played, only one man in the competition has reached double figures on the scoring charts.

Ken Boden had that "honour." But contrast the situation in the NSW Coca-Cola Bottlers competition — which is one step in class below the PSL.

In that League, Dez Marton has scored 33 times. And Marcos Silva has 20 goals to his credit.

That's what we call goalscoring!

PSL 1982

How will the Philips Soccer League look in 1982? ASW looks at the list of likely candidates.

By Brad Earl

Green Gully Ajax, Essendon Croatia (both Melbourne), Azzurri and Polonia (Adelaide) and Croatia Sydney all want to enter the PSL.

St George, riding high at the top of the NSW State League, are very cautious and playing things by ear at this stage, and they will wait to late August-early September to review the entire situation.

St George haven't even discussed possible readmission to the PSL at this stage, according to president Les Bordacs.

The club will wait until the end of August and into September, when they will look at their own situation in the State League, and whether there are any Sydney teams relegated from the Philips League.

"We intend to call a full members meeting if necessary then, to decide the issue," Les Bordacs said. "It's too big an issue for 11 committee members or the Soccer committee to decide, and the members have given us tremendous support this year, not just with crowd support but financially as well.

"There's also a report that a decision on summer Soccer will be made soon, and that could put us in a completely different position.

"It would be foolish to make a decision at this stage. We don't want to jump into something when we don't know what we're jumping into," Mr Bordacs said.

Croatia Sydney's president, Tony Topic, and secretary, Matt Lavar, believe the club deserve to be in the Philips League, but they won't sacrifice their name to get there.

"We would dearly love to play in the top competition, but only under our present name," secretary Lavar said.

He said the team would play under either Croatia Sydney or Sydney Croatia. And, as part of their argument to retain the Croatia name in the PSL, they point to the continued use of the name "Marconi".

"What's the use of us playing under, say, Liverpool City?" Mr Lavar said.

Mr Lavar added that the club wouldn't object to using a district name, such as Liverpool, in conjunction with Croatia.

"As much as we love Soccer, we also love our name," Matt Lavar said.

Croatia have an excellent club-house, and they have also purchased land at St Marys in Sydney's outer western suburbs.

The club, although wanting to go into PSL, would prefer to play in a revised State League format, the so-called "Super League" that's been bandied round in NSW.

"The Philips League is like organising all of Europe into one league," Mr Lavar said.

And Melita Eagles? "We are definitely not applying for the Philips Soccer League," president Emmanuel Said commented.

Both St George and Croatia will have to rely on Blacktown (or possibly Sydney Olympic) finishing in the relegation positions, and Blacktown will have some cards in their favour; for example, their large sponsorship from Radio Rentals, their representation of the outer western suburbs of Sydney and the number of juniors in the area, and the simple fact that this is only their second season in the PSL.

The top two Victorian State League clubs, Green Gully Ajax and Essendon Croatia, will nominate should a Melbourne club (which looks like either Preston or Footscray) finish in the bottom two.

Greg Blake, ASW's Melbourne correspondent, says that Green Gully would stand a very good chance of admittance: "They are in a better position than Preston were," he said.

"They have their own ground and their own social club, like Preston, but they have much more attractive facilities, including a Press-box. And if they win the State League, that can only enhance their chances.

"Essendon Croatia seem to have a standing application for entry. I don't fancy their chances, probably because of the club itself. They're second in the league, and they've had six different coaches this year! If they have three draws in a row, the knives are out.

"They have also changed the committee since the start of the year, and there is a lot of in-fighting. They don't have their own ground either, although they are buying some land.

"Green Gully's only real drawback is that the haven't got the support of Croatia."

PSL secretary Paul Kemp has approached Tasmanian club Rapid Wrest Point, who have a healthy financial backing from the Wrest Point Casino, to see if they want to go ahead with an application this year after nominating in 1980.

However at this stage, talks are still in the very preliminary stage.

In Adelaide, with West Adelaide favourites for the drop, S.A. Rothmans League leaders, Azzurri, and second-placed Polonia want to step into the void, as West Adelaide won't be able to reapply unless the PSL constitution is altered.

Azzurri may go it alone into the PSL, but the main tip, says ASW's Adelaide man Tom McKain, is that they would prefer to link up with fellow S.A. State Leagues, Campbelltown.

Very preliminary talks have been held between the two Italian-backed clubs, and if it happened, an amalgamation would produce a financially strong club. Azzurri own a hotel and Campbelltown have their own clubhouse, ground and training pitches, with plenty of room for expansion.

But the fact that it would give the Italian supporters a monopoly in Adelaide might put them at a disadvantage for entry to the PSL.

Polonia, despite being five points behind Azzurri, may stand a good chance of PSL entry as they have an excellent set-up.

There has been talk of West Adelaide Hawks, if relegated, "resurfacing" under a new name, but such a ploy would surely be viewed in a dim light, by the Australian Soccer Federation.

Townsville Kern United will not be nominating for entry to the Philips Soccer League this year.

The entry of Townsville has been thought of as a further step in the regionalisation of the Philips League, but Townsville's chairman, Mr Peter Towers, says that the club probably won't be ready to apply till 1985.

"Our long-term plan is to nominate for the Philips Soccer League, but definitely not for 1982. Our original target date was 1985, and there has been some discussion to nominate in 1983, but I believe we won't be ready until 1985," Mr Towers said.

"When we get in, we don't want to be in the doldrums and struggling around the bottom. I also feel we need to win the Queensland State League for a couple of years to give us the right "pedigree".

"We don't want to go in half-baked: we want to be worthy representatives of North Queensland."

Peter Towers also believes the club would have to have a darned good case to convince everyone they are worth admission to the PSL, considering the amount of travel involved.

The club's youth policy is developing excellently, and Townsville will be looking to those juniors as their PSL playing base.

PHILIPS LEAGUE

RESULTS OF ROUND 24:

MARCONI - FOOTSCRAY 1-3
Jankovic(M), Verweij, Cozzella, Lujic(F)
SYDNEY CITY - BLACKTOWN 1-1
Souness(SC), Jones(B)
CANBERRA - BRISBANE LIONS 2-3
Valeri, R'O Shea(CA), Williamson 2, Bennett(BL)
SYDNEY OLYMPIC - HEIDELBERG 2-1
Wilson 2(SO), Campbell(H)
ADELAIDE CITY - LEICHHARDT 0-0
BRISBANE CITY - NEWCASTLE KB 1-1
Hamilton(BC), Sumner(KB)
PRESTON - WOLLONGONG 6-0
Lucchessi 2, Fontana og, Whittle, Brown, Cullen
SOUTH MELBOURNE - WEST ADELAIDE 5-0
Evans 3, Blair, Stevenson.

TOP SCORERS

12. Evans(SM)
10. Boden(SC)
9. Wilkinson(BC)
8. Mitchell(AC), Paton, Cole(H) Ollerton(P)
7. J.Nyskohus(AC), Soper(L), Christopoulos(SM), Barnes, Souness, Kosmina(SC), Koussas(SO)
6. Valeri, Gibson(CA), Ilioski(F), O'Connor(L) Cullen(P), Jankovic, Sharne(M) Mountford(KB)
5. Hamilton(BC), Cozzella(F) Millman, Bennett(BL), McBreen(W) Lucchessi, Brown(P), Wilson, Jennings(SO),

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1	Blacktown City		1·2	0·1	0·1	2·2	0·0	1·5	1·2	1·0		0·2		3·1		2·2	4·0
2	Newcastle KB	1·1		4·1	1·1	0·0	4·0	2·2	0·2		0·1		1·2		3·0	1·1	4·2
3	Leichhardt	3·2	2·1		1·0	1·1	1·1	3·0		0·1				2·2	2·0	0·0	1·0
4	Wollongong	1·1	0·0	1·1		1·1	2·2		0·0		0·1		3·1	3·4	2·1	1·1	2·1
5	South Melbourne	2·1	2·0	4·1	1·0			0·0		1·3		1·0	1·1	2·1	2·1	1·0	5·0
6	Preston	2·3	3·1	3·1	6·0	1·1			1·1		0·1	0·0	3·1	0·2	3·0	1·1	
7	Adelaide City	0·0	4·1	0·0	1·2		1·0		1·0	0·1	1·0	0·1	3·1	3·1	1·3	3·2	
8	Brisbane City	2·1	1·1	0·0	1·0					2·0	0·0	4·0	3·0	1·2	2·0	1·0	2·1
9	Sydney City	1·1	4·1		1·0		2·0		1·1		3·2	5·0	5·4	1·0	3·0	1·1	1·0
10	Canberra City	2·2		0·1		2·2		0·0	3·0	2·0		0·0	2·1	1·5	5·0	2·3	1·2
11	Marconi		1·2		1·1		1·0	1·4	1·1	1·0	0·2		2·1	3·1	1·3	2·1	1·0
12	Sydney Olympic	1·0		1·3		2·2	2·1	3·1	1·1	2·2	0·2	2·0		2·1	0·0		3·1
13	Heidelberg		1·2		0·3	0·0	2·3	1·2	2·0	0·1	1·1		1·0				2·0
14	Footscray	2·0		2·1	1·1	1·2	2·1	1·1	1·0	1·0	3·1	1·2		2·2			1·1
15	Brisbane Lions		0·1	0·0	1·1	2·0	2·1	2·1	1·0	4·3	1·0		1·1		4·0		3·1
16	West Adelaide	2·0	0·1	1·2	0·0	0·2	4·0	0·3		1·2	1·1	2·0					

LEAGUE TABLE

	HOME					AWAY					AGGREGATE					
	W	D	L	F:A	P	W	D	L	F:A	P	P	W	D	L	F:A	P
SYDNEY CITY	9	3	0	28-10	21	5	1	6	13-15	11	24	14	4	6	41-25	32
SOUTH MELBOURNE	9	2	1	22-8	20	2	8	1	13-12	12	23	11	10	2	35-20	32
ADELAIDE CITY	7	2	4	18-12	15	4	4	3	19-14	12	24	11	6	7	37-26	28
BRISBANE CITY	8	3	1	19-5	19	2	5	5	8-13	9	24	10	8	6	27-18	28
LEICHHARDT	6	4	1	16-8	16	4	4	4	12-16	12	23	10	8	5	28-24	28
BRISBANE LIONS	8	3	1	21-9	19	1	6	4	12-15	8	23	9	9	5	33-24	27
CANBERRA ARROWS	4	4	4	20-16	12	5	3	4	12-10	13	24	9	7	8	32-26	25
NEWCASTLE KB	4	5	3	21-13	12	5	2	5	13-19	12	24	9	7	8	34-32	25
WOLLONGONG	3	7	2	16-14	13	3	5	4	10-15	11	25	6	12	7	26-28	24
MARCONI	6	2	4	15-16	14	3	2	5	5-15	8	22	9	4	9	20-31	22
FOOTSCRAY	6	4	2	18-12	16	2	1	9	8-28	5	24	8	5	11	26-40	21
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	6	4	2	19-14	16	1	2	8	13-25	4	23	7	6	10	32-39	20
PRESTON	5	4	3	23-12	14	1	3	8	9-23	5	24	6	7	11	32-35	19
HEIDELBERG	3	2	5	10-12	8	4	2	6	22-23	10	22	7	4	11	32-35	18
BLACKTOWN DEMONS	3	3	6	15-18	9	1	5	6	12-19	7	24	4	8	12	27-37	16
WEST ADELAIDE	3	2	5	11-11	8	1	1	11	9-30	3	23	4	3	16	20-41	11

Alitalia

O'CONNOR CLIMBS HIGH IN THE RATINGS

Phil O'Connor, who has turned in some outstanding performances this season, is now seriously challenging for the ASW-MARCONI TRAVEL "player of the year" trophy.

The winner will get a return air ticket to Rome, flying Alitalia, as well as his inscribed trophy.

O'Connor, week after week, proves himself Leichhardt's danger man with his speedy wing running and accurate centres. It is not surprising that he is making such a strong bid to take out our big prize.

At a time when many teams appear to think old-fashioned wingers are not needed, Phil O Connor continues to prove them wrong.

O Connor's Lambert Park team mate, veteran Socceroo skipper Peter Wilson, is also well placed in the contest. The Alitalia trip would be a worthy reward for the popular Wilson as he nears the end of a brilliant career.

ASW and MARCONI TRAVEL have another prize on offer. It is a portable colour television set and it will be presented to the leading goalscorer in the Philips Soccer League. The TV could go to any of half a dozen players although Kenny Boden has had his nose in front for most of the year.

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This is the up-to-date points score in the "player of the year" contest for the flight to Rome:-

27 - Terry Byrne
24 - Phil O'Connor
23 - David Mitchell
22 - Alun Evans
21 - Denis Boland, Joe Senkalski, Peter Katholos
20 - Col Bennett
19 - Peter Wilson (Leich), Chris Dunleavy
18 - Ian Souness
17 - Tony Brennan
15 - Jim Campbell, Martin Coe
14 - Arno Bertogna, Allan Maher, Jim Hermiston
12 - John Djordjevic, Paul Burrows, Larry Gaffney
11 - Bruce James, Suki Jovanovic, Bugsy Nyskohus, Alan Whittle, Martyn Crook, Gary Byrne, Tony Henderson, Paul Wilkinson
10 - Graham Jennings, Peter Sharne, Greg Woodhouse, Robbie Cullen, Bill de Graaf, Arthur Xanthopoulos
9 - Zdravko Lujic, Joe Watson, Paul Reaney, Jim Ziras, Jim McBreen, Clive Campbell
8 - Arthur McMillan, Steve Sumner, Willie Murray, Kim Wishart, Ljube Petrovski, Jimmy Dunne, Steve Blair, Brian O Donnell, Malcolm McClelland
7 - Brian Northcote, Richard Wilson, Todd Clarke, Jimmy Wright, Stuart Selvage, Jim Tansey, Doug Brown, Peter Tymczyszyn, .Peter Boyle

STRAIGHT SHOOTING: WRONG TARGET

Dear Sir,

"Looking Straight" would have been a far more appropriate heading for the article by Mike Mystakidis in last week's ASW. Wearing blinkers, he looks neither to the left nor to the right.

This is the very same blindness with which many so-called coaches indoctrinate their players, and Mr Mystakidis applauds it; for the word "style" in Soccer is a cover-up for "stereotype", a plan for all seasons, requiring from the players no thought whatsoever, no reading of the game, and certainly no inventiveness. It is the very thing that is putting Soccer to a slow death in many European countries, where teams are turning out entirely programmed by their respective tracksuit-clad "computers".

We have examples closer to home in Blacktown City's weekly homage to the god of negative football and in Eddie Thomson's whimpering on Channel 0/28, Friday 17th July, that Blacktown City's use of the offside trap was somehow not quite cricket. Presumably, it didn't suit Sydney City's "style". The word may be interpreted as "dedication to not thinking", for any team capable of thinking in terms of even the most basic principles of the game can grab a bag full of goals against what should be considered the most vulnerable of defensive tactics.

The root cause of failure of the Australian national team has been the poor quality of its players' basic skills, their lack of understanding of the basic principles of the game, and consequently the team's inability to do the simple things well. No style or system of play yet devised bv man (or computer) can compensate for inaccurate passing or shooting, or poor ball control. Nor is there a style, which will allow for players, who do not support each other, who cannot or will not run, or who go into the game with an attitude of les than 100 percent commitment.

It is in the area of improving basic skills and developing a thorough understanding of the fundamental principles of the game, that National Director of Coaching, Eric Worthington, has been so admirably and relentlessly working. That Mike Mystakidis is apparently unaware of these activities indicates that his investigations have extended no further than the borders of New South Wales, the only State in which appointment of the State Director of Coaching is not the prerogative of the National Director.

The National Coaching Scheme, under the direction of Eric Worthington, has produced a good number of very capable senior badge coaches; and contrary to the inference made by Sir Arthur George, Also on Channel 0/28, Friday 17th July, several have supplemented their locally acquired knowledge and experience with courses overseas. As yet, such men are largely ignored by PSL and State League clubs, who persist in engaging imported, style-propogating, deficiency cover-up men as their coaches.

As you may discern from the tone of this letter, I am a firm advocate of Straight Shooting, but I would recommend to Mike Mystakidis a coaching session on "Target Selection."

Dave Percy
Manly Warringah
Regional Director of Coaching

HANIMEX DID NOT CLICK

by Keith Gilmour

Don Jones, coach of New Zealand's Hanimex North Shore, had to admit that Sydney Olympic were too fast for his charges when they went down 4-0 at Pratten Park.

Hanimex went best over the first 20 minutes and then in an inspired spell midway in the second half.

For the rest they battled gamely, but the pressure was always on them.

In the second game at Woonona, Wollongong were well below par but ran out lowkey 1-0 winners.

All but three of the visiting team were New Zealand-born, a far cry from the dominant British contingents of years ago.

Goalkeeper Alan Gilchrist was best for the visitors. Left winger Kieron Hales showed some skill, but his pace was insufficient to take him behind the Olympic defence.

Scorers for Olympic were Mark Koussas, Ken Wilson, Chris Townson and will-o'-the-wisp Grahan Jennings.

Hanimex's tour was the brain-child of Jack Hannes, chief executive of the Hanimex company.

The club stands equal third in the New Zealand League with a game in hand.

On Sunday they return to play their semi-final of New Zealand's Cup competition, the Chatham Cup.

It seems that the Kiwis have travel costs proportionate to those experienced by Philips League clubs in Australia.

Rothmans puts in $90,000 per annum in sponsorship, and clubs contribute further to a Travel Equalisation Fund to spread the costs.

The return fares by air from Auckland to Dunedin amount to $4,400 for a party of 14.

It is no wonder that player are amateurs!

HAWKS MAKE CUP FINAL

By Tom McKain

West Adelaide Hawks won't be relegated!

That's the message which appeared to come through after they beat Adelaide City Giants 1-0 in last Wednesday night's Philips Cup semi-final at Hindmarsh Stadium.

While it was a Vic Bozanic screamer in the 62nd minute from the right-hand side of the box which won the match, and came as a shock from the overlapping full-back, Hawks looked a class side.

Giants exerted most of the pressure, but they couldn't take their chances.

And when they appeared to have the equaliser set up — a header from substitute Justin Fashanu in the 83rd minute — Socceroo squad goalkeeper Martyn Crook turned it for a corner.

The win, which puts Hawks in against the winners of the Marconi-Brisbane Lions semi-final, should also lift the players enough to scramble out of the relegation zone in the league competition.

As has happened so often, Giants got themselves into position to score but shot off target.

They looked most dangerous in the closing stages when English guest superstar Justin Fashanu came on for Charlie Villani in the 75th minute.

Expected to remain on the bench with a badly gashed shin (a legacy from the League match against Newcastle), Fashanu made his surprise appearance -with the injury heavily strapped.

Earlier Socceroo striker David Mitchell had set up several chances, but Johnny Nyskohus, Sergio Melta and Charlie Villani couldn't accept them.

While Hawks did not pose such a shooting threat, Graham Honeyman, Ian McGregor and Shraga Topaz were menacing in midfield, and Manecas turned on some amazing ball skills for the fans.

HAWKS: Crook, Bozanic, Maricic, Forde, Kambas, Honeyman, Topaz, (Brown 40th) McGregor, Smythe, Manecas, Lorenzoni.

GIANTS: Peressin, Russell, B. Nyskohus, Jones, Perin, Marocchi, Villani (Fashanu 75) Northcote, Melta, Mitchell, J. Nyskohus.

STRAIGHT SHOOTING

With MIKE MYSTAKIDIS

The day when all the people of Soccer come together in agreement will surely never arrive. So critics of people are criticised by people.

Today I have been forced to give an answer to the letter above, written by Mr Dave Percy, the Manly Warringah Regional Director of Coaching. Mr Percy acts as an advocate on behalf of Mr Eric Worthington.

We did not seek explanations from either Mr Percy or Mr Worthington about what they are doing.

Indeed we asked for an answer, if there is one of course, from the Australian Soccer Federation, with names of coaches produced by the so-called coaching directors.

As a sportsman, Mr Percy, the first thing I learnt was never to look back, right or left. Simply because the runner who makes the mistake to look back is losing time and losing the race.

Unfortunately, I find, Mr Percy, that you are ignorant of this basic and essential sporting principle. And I don t want to believe that you are practising old theories, by putting your watch many hours back.

You are mistaken also about Soccer's ruin. It, as happens in all other sports, is not coming exclusively from systems and tactics, but mostly because man, in today s consuming society, has found many other ways to entertain himself and his family.

Soccer is facing a slow death only in your mind, and in your sleep, but not in European countries Mr Percy. Also Soccer is being put to positive death in countries where no national style exists, as happens in Australia.

I said and I will repeat it, that your students and not only the public who are entitled to know from the papers what is going on, not only with Mr Eric Worthington (whom I respect for his great knowledge of Soccer), but all of you.

I am not a coach. But I believe nothing in this life can have value and prosperous hopes for the future without a strong basis. The same applies in Soccer. The whole style of the game must be adjusted according to players' abilities and temperament in each country.

The difference between plus and minus, advantages and disadvantages, is covered by the style.

The Italians, the Germans, the English, the Argentinians, Brazilians, Yugoslavs — all these people have made their own Soccer schools. They have given to their Soccer its own personality and identification which suits their players.

The Asians, who are short in height and small in frame, must have a style of play more skilful and less dynamic. They must play on the carpet and not in the air.

That s the style I talk about and not Blacktown's offside trap you talk about Mr Percy. The offside trap is a tactic, not a style.

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STAR INTERVIEW

DENNIS BOLAND

TALKS TO DAVID JACK

Without doubt, Dennis Boland is one of the best goalkeepers in Australian Soccer. He has to be . . . playing behind the perennially troubled Footscray side.

Footscray goalkeepers are always kept busy. They rarely enjoy the luxury of a quiet 90 minutes. And Dennis Boland has been working overtime in the Footscray goal ever since the Philips Soccer League got off the ground.

His efforts have drawn compliments and admiration from many people — in particular his present coach at Footscray, Cedo Cirkovic.

When I started interviewing Boland, Cirkovic chipped in with his own comment. It was: "It is a scandal that this boy is constantly rejected for representative honours — for Victoria and Australia."

Cedo is right, of course. Several goalkeepers with about 50 percent of Dennis Boland's ability have played for the State and the national team.

How does Boland himself feel about that?

QUESTION: Have you any regrets about not getting a go in the Australian squad?

ANSWER: Of course. It would have been nice to have had a run with the national team. When I've been playing well for my club, I sometimes wondered why I was not selected for representative Soccer. But there's nothing I can do about that.

Q: It is often said that a goalkeeper in a poor team gets every chance to stand out. With Footscray's constant battles to avoid relegation, has this made you a better goalkeeper?

A: I admit the team has had to struggle quite often. This means I have been kept busy. But when a goalie is under consistent pressure, he can do one of two things. He can rise to the occasion and play well or he can drop his bundle and give up. I like to think I've done the former.

Q: Talking about Footscray's poor results over the years — will the team be relegated this season?

Certainly not. We will escape from relegation. It is no problem. I believe the team has been unlucky. There is ability and genuine talent in the Footscray side. All we lack is consistency. To be successful you have to get consistent results.

Q: From your accent, it's obvious you're not Australian-born. What part of Scotland do you come from?

A: I was born in Dundee. That's where I played in Junior football for a team called Dundee Violet.

Q: When did you come to Australia and what team did you play for?

A: I came to this country in 1970. My first club was Hakoah St Kilda and I had a couple of years with them.

Q: What next?

A: I moved into the Metropolitan League with Albion Rovers. That's a good team for a Scotsman to join! I was one and a half years with them before deciding to try my luck in Japan.

Q: I didn't realise the Japanese recruited foreign players for their teams. Did you like it in Japan?

A: It is not usual for the Japanese to bring in foreigners but at the time I went there, they were looking for a few players. I took the plunge with a team called Yomuiri in Japan's national league. I had a great time during my two years there.

Q: How was the playing standard?

A: It wasn't bad at all. The players were all full-timers which meant we were able to train regularly and we were a very fit bunch. As far as ability is concerned, I would rate Yomuiri equal to a side in the bottom half of the Philips League in Australia.

Q: What happened to Dennis Boland after the Japanese expedition?

A: I was brought back to Australia by Footscray and I am now in my fifth season with the club.

Q: What do you do when you're not playing football?

A: I have a job as a sales representative with Courtalds-Hilton.

Q: Are you married?

A: Yes. I married Brenda only three months before I came to Australia, so our emigration to this country was also a honeymoon. We have a four year old daughter called Susan.

Q: How about the future? Will you return to Scotland when you finish playing or are you well and truly settled in Australia?

A: This is a great country. We regard it as our home. We certainly have no thoughts about returning to live in Scotland.

Q: Do you have any hobbies?

A: What with my work and playing and training with Footscray, there is not a lot of time to devote to hobbies. But I do enjoy a round of golf. I hardly ever go to the movies but I occasionally like to watch a bit of television.

Q: Your favourite programmes?

A: I like current affairs shows. My favourite is "Sixty Minutes." I also try to watch any Soccer that comes on the box.

Q: How do you, as a player, visualise the future of the Philips Soccer League?

A: If it fell apart it would be a tragedy. I am sure everyone wants to see the PSL make progress, getting better and better. So much has been achieved and we must keep the ball rolling.

Q: Has anyone helped your game at Footscray?

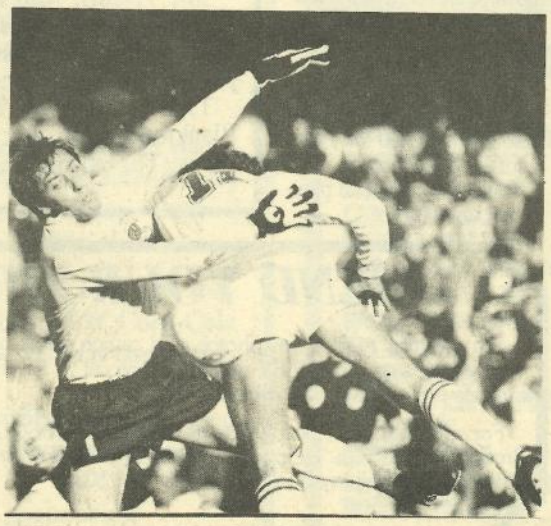
A: Cedo Cirkovic has been a tremendous help. He is always available. At times when I have asked for his guidance, he has really put himself out for me. Even in his own time, he has done extra training and coaching stints when I felt I needed help.

Q: Everyone was terribly disappointed over Australia's 1981 World Cup flop. What do you think went wrong?

A: The preparation was all wrong. The coach used far too many players. He never had a settled side. Players were like strangers to each other. I think the Australian squad should have been virtually settled 18 months before the two games against New Zealand. Instead, Rudi Gutendorf kept experimenting and changing the players around. He was experimenting right up to the last minute . . . even after the first NZ match. It's no wonder Australia fell in a heap.

Q: Are you still certain Footscray will not be relegated?

A: Absolutely certain. You'll find I'm right when the season is over.



With the Girls

By DON BALMAIN

GROWTH IN THE SOUTH

With the Australian Women's Soccer Championships only a bare three weeks away, tension is building as the various teams prepare to make their journeys in various ways to Sydney.

I thought that it would be fitting this week to provide some information on the host association who held the games in Adelaide last year.

The South Australian Women's Soccer Association was formed in 1979 and commenced operation with only eight teams.

In only three years, the game has grown considerably and there are now three divisions of women's Soccer made up from 22 teams.

Obviously, with only 400 registered players at present, age restrictions cannot be imposed and a lot of open-age football is being played.

As in other States, more schools are accepting the idea of women playing Soccer. It is probable that this will result in regular inter-school competitions in the near future.

Interest has also been shown in Whyalla (S.A.) and Broken Hill in NSW and development in both these cities could see them affiliating to the South Australian body.

Of interest here is that Broken Hill, although in New South Wales, is far closer to Adelaide than any regular women's Soccer centre in the Waratah State. At a recent Australian meeting, NSW had no hesitation in relinquishing its claim on the Silver City so that they could play in the S.A. competition.

After a tremendous "first-up" impression created in Darwin when the S.A. Association made their initial debut in national competition — they finished a creditable fourth — the South Aussie girls responded even better before their home town crowd and climbed up the competition ladder one rung last year.

Most of this year's squad have previously represented the State and with this experience, they hope to go even further in Sydney.

This year, the South Australian outfit is being coached by Brian Ballard.

Although Brian has been coaching Soccer for years, this will be his first State appointment.

When in England, Brian played for high level amateur clubs in Manchester and Lancaster. He holds the English F.A. preliminary award and was assistant coach for three years with Winsor Athletics.

Continuing his involvement with Soccer when he arrived in Australia, Brian was first a club secretary with Elizabeth City. He then took the Australian preliminary award which is a prerequisite for the Australian Soccer Federation's senior award course. He now holds this award, too.

As this award is the highest obtainable in Australia, the girls feel honoured to have someone of this coaching experience to guide them.

This year, for the first time, the South Australian women will have a qualified woman trainer.

Annet McKenzie is the lady in question and she has worked extremely hard to gain both the Basic and Advanced Trainer Certificate. These courses were taken under the South Australian National Football League. She was tutored by leading Philips League trainer, Rick Mantiadis.

After gaining the advanced certificate, Annet started off with Burnside and Kensington (Adelaide) clubs.

The West Torrens football club was her next move where she was one of their trainers.

Encouraged by Brian Ballard, Annet decided to become the trainer/manageress of the South Australian women's team.

Since the Nationals were staged in Adelaide last year, publicity with all avenues of the Media has improved and as a result, the general public is slowly but surely taking women's Soccer more seriously.

This no doubt shows in both an experienced coach and trainer applying for the positions with the State team.

Another first in the history of the Association is the donation of State tracksuits to the top team by Medibank Private, the firm which donated the beautiful winner's rose-bowl last year. Again further indication of commercial support coming forward.

Various fund-raising activities have been held to get the girls to Sydney as no doubt, is the case all over Australia with the exception of the host State, NSW, South Australian public response appears to be fairly poor with the same people attending the functions all the time.

This, unfortunately, is nothing new right throughout Australia.

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Interest in the junior competitions seem to be increasing in the eastern States of Australia.

The under 15 youth competition which will be held shortly after the national titles are played in Sydney have caught the enthusaism from Victoria to Queensland.

Originally this idea came from an idea by Trixie Tagg who, as Trixie Barry, got together a squad of under 14-year-olds to play against a similar combination from Queensland.

It was from this group of girls that the victorious team that took America by storm evolved.

It would now appear that the formation of an East Coast competition could be the subject of the forthcoming Australian management committee meeting of the A.W.S.A.

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In Sydney, success has come sweetly to Leonie Parker, the president of the Manly-Warringah Ladies Association and coach of one of that Association's inter-district Under 15 youth teams.

Leonie, who will shortly become the assistant State coach for the NSW Youth squad, has coached a group of youngsters in the Sydney inter-district competition to take out the junior inter-district competition (see photograph).

The team was selected from the 36 teams in the local Manly association.

Over the full two round competition, the girls scored a massive 26 goals for and conceded only five.

What makes it more impressive is the fact that most of her charges have an average age of 14 and are playing against teams older than this.

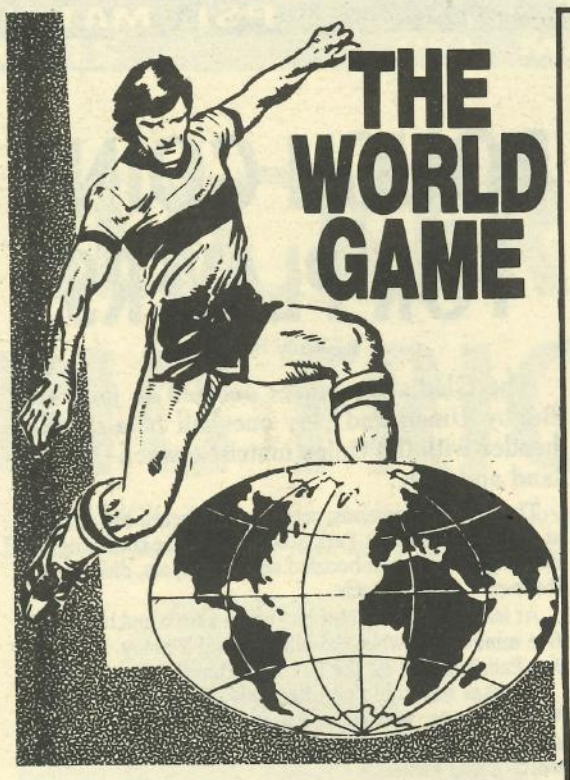
The team trained for an hour and a half each week. This was on top of the training that they alrady received in their club side.

The girls breezed through their final game, coasting to a 6-0 victory.

Although they were the victors, selection in the under 15 team was evenly spread through the NSW Federation when the preliminary squad was chosen two weeks ago.

FRONT ROW (L to R): T. Newton, K. Wesseling, K. Gibson, J. Howells, R. Withers, S. Embleton, J. Hyland.

BACK ROW: Leonie Parker (coach), G. Sims, S. Gibson, F. Watson, M. Starr, S. Tomlinson, S. Broughton, K. Geoghegan (c), Terry Broughton (manager).



CHINAGLIA TO QUIT IN '82

Giorgio Chinaglia is to hang up his boots in 1982.

That is the message from New York following Cosmos' super effort in winning its zone for 1981.

Chinaglia, alleged to have some 22.4 per cent shares in the Cosmos club, is bound to stay with Cosmos at administrative level, but still has a wish to play.

The tall striker would like to play his last game for Italy in a friendly international. Since he has taken up USA citizenship, it would be interesting to hear the reaction of his native country on the subject.

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A. C. MILAN STAR FOR SCOTLAND

Joe Jordan's move to Italy where he will play for A. C. Milan will not weaken Scotland's challenge for the World Cup.

Before flying to Milan, Jordan telephoned Scottish team manager Jock Stein to tell him: "If you ever need me to play for Scotland, I shall always be available. Milan have agreed to release me at any time and I can assure you I am still keen to play for Scotland."

The news pleased Stein who commented: "It makes you feel great when a player — at a vital stage of his career — has time to think about his loyalty to his country."

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SINGAPORE BRIBE CASE VERDICT

The Singapore Government said its investigators had found no truth in allegations that some Soccer players had received bribes to lose the Malaysia Cup Final in Kuala Lumpur against Selangor State.

"Investigations have not produced any evidence to show that any players had received bribes to lose the match to Selangor," a Government spokesman said.

Singapore lost to the Malaysian State 0-4, causing a public demand for an enquiry.

Despite the report clearing them, some national players said they were sore because even their families were brought into the investigations.

Four players of Singapore's junior national side appeared in court charged with accepting money to fix three matches played in Indonesia earlier this year. All pleaded not guilty.

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NOW THE BOYS GET A GO

FIFA is convinced it has a winner in the World Youth Championships for the Coca-Cola Cup: next step could be a similar tournament for the even younger players.

Joao Havelange, president of FIFA, revealed that plans are in hand to stage a new World Cup for boys in the 14 to 16 age groups.

FIFA's various committees are now examining the idea.

SOCCER SUPERMAN — THAT'S MARADONA

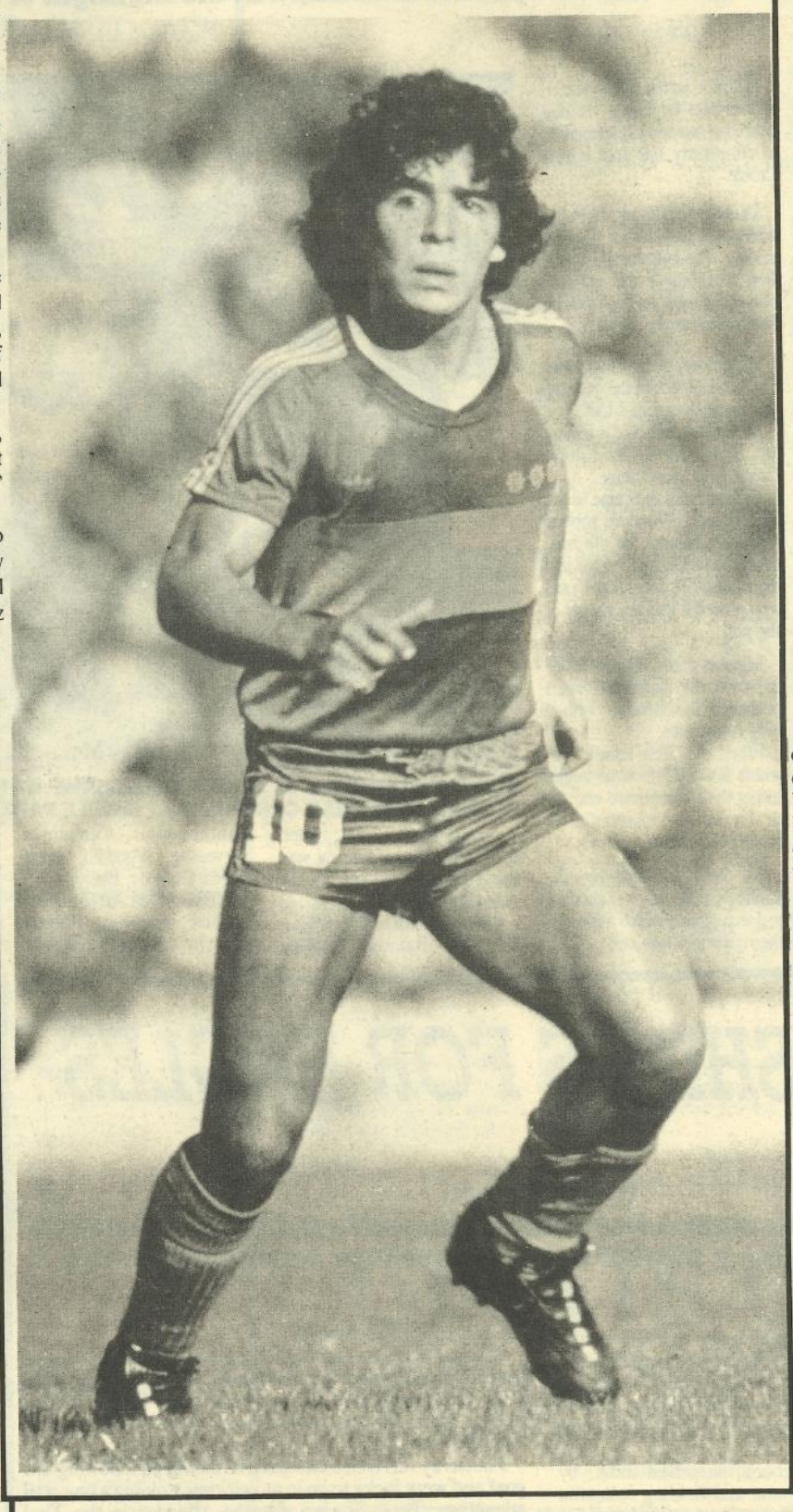
Some South American critics are convinced Diego Maradona of Argentina will develop into the greatest player the world has ever seen.

Writing in the current issue of FIFA News, journalist Lazaro Candal comments . . . "Physically, Maradona is like the great Omar Sivori, but he is better. When he sets off with the ball, he reminds us of Bobby Charlton at his best. When he hits the ball, he is like Ferenc Puskas.

"We are indeed facing the phenomenon of our times. All this is crowned with youth, another vital feature in view of the unpredictable reign ahead of Maradona."

For the second year running, Maradona was voted "Best footballer of the Americas." He collected 89 points.

Zico (Brazil) was runner-up with 37 points, followed by Victorino (Uruguay) 22, Fillol (Argentina) 18 and Paz (Uruguay) 18.



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Just in case you're interested . . . Swaziland's Football Association has a president called Prince M. Dlamini, a general secretary called S. Z. Dlamini and a treasurer called E. M. Dlamini.

Nothing like keeping things in the family!

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SOVIET KIDS EXPLODING

Soviet Soccer is encouraging young players in a big way.

There is in Russia a tournament for the "Leather Sphere Trophy," a delightful title.

It involves hundreds of thousands of boys between the ages of 10 and 15 and preliminary rounds are played on a regional basis.

The final, however, is very much a national affair.

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NO WAY TO TREAT REF

Argentine first division player Mario Carvalho copped a 25-match suspension and a fine of $400. His crime? It was alleged he kicked and punched a referee.

He's lucky he wasn't outed for life on that charge.

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COLOGNE SITTING BACK

FC Cologne are sitting back and taking offers for English international forward Tony Woodcock.

Once all the bids are made, Cologne will release the player — to the top bidder.

Manchester United have offered $1,000,000. Team manager Ron Atkinson is ready to fly to Germany as soon as he hears the figure is acceptable.

Latest reports suggest Cologne will not sell to United.

CARETAKER CAVAN

FIFA's general secretary Dr Helmut Kaiser officially retired on June 31 after 20 years in one of the world's most important sporting jobs.

In the interim until his successor is appointed, Northern Ireland's Harry Cavan will be caretaker administrator of FIFA.

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SMALL NATION BIG IN FOOTBALL

Which nation has the best young players in South America?

If you answered Brazil or Argentina, you're wrong. Top nation is Uruguay.

Uruguay were crowned South American champions in a tournament played in Ecuador at which they beat Argentina 5-1 in the Final.

The Uruguayans have won South America's Youth title seven times and been runners-up on two occasions.

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SAN JOSE'S BEST CONTRACT

George Best's hopes of switching from the North American Soccer League to Bolton Wanderers or Bournemouth in England may be dashed — because of a clause in his contract with San Jose Earthquakes.

Best, rumoured to be getting $500,000 for two years with San Jose, is supposed to play indoor five-a-side Soccer at the end of the NASL season but he's not keen on playing on hard surfaces.

At 35, the wayward Irishman believes England's soft grass will be kinder to his knees!

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Swedish international Hasse Borg, sent off in the World Cup elimination game against Northern Ireland, has had his suspension reduced after survey of a videotape. The video showed Borg was NOT guilty of violent conduct. His three-match World Cup ban has been reduced to one match.

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SHE'LL BE RIGHT IN SPAIN 1982

You have to hand it to the Spanish organisers of the World Cup for the tremendous work they are putting in to make the tournament a success.

A footbridge is being built from the Bernabeu Stadium in Madrid to the Congress Centre/Press Centre. The bridge will be made of metal and glass and is being built to allow officials and journalists speedy movement from the Stadium to the Centre.

After the World Cup Final, the bridge will be dismantled.

There will also be 26 super buses to transport teams and officials and each bus will be decorated with the flag of the country using it.

These buses come from the Van Hool factory in Zaragoza and are capable of speeds of 150 kmh. They are air-conditioned, have 35 reclining seats plus a lounge for six people, bathroom, bar, fridge and two TV sets.

The windscreen is the largest ever manufactured, being 2.08 metres high to give impeccable visibility.

A LONG TIME WAITING

The longest losing run in the history of the North American Soccer League came to an end, thankfully, for Dallas Tornado when they beat Portland 1-0 last week.

Tornado had suffered 20 losses in succession since April 12. (There are no drawn games in the NASL).

"Only people close to the Tornado realise what the win means to us," said delighted coach Peter Short. He went on: "It's like winning the World Cup Final."

In 1968, when the NASL did allow drawn matches, one team went 22 games without winning. The team? Dallas Tornado!

If the 1-0 win over Portland was welcome, the size of the crowd was a letdown. Only 2,905 spectators were at the Texas Stadium in Dallas to see the end of the losing run last week.

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GUNNERS' SHOOTING PRACTICE

by Costas Nikolopoulos

Title chasers, South Melbourne, gunned down low-flying Adelaide Hawks, 5-0, and a hat-trick by captain Alun Evans (his second in two weeks) was the highlight of this action-packed encounter.

Evans rejoiced his advancement to the top of the goal-scorer's list, a long-awaited honour for Australia's most colourful forward.

A giveaway goal by Hawks goalkeeper, Martyn Crook, gave the home team a head start.

Crook failed to control a long-range shot by young Socceroo, Steve Blair, on the third minute of the game, to see the ball slipping through his hands into the net.

With the Gunners in the lead and the visitors suffering from an obvious lack of confidence, the game developed to a monologue.

With a lot of holes in their defence the Hawks saw the inevitable happening in the 18th minute when Alun Evans increased the margin with a well-weighed volley which hit the roof of the net.

Wooddin spilled the ball forward, cleverly evaded two defenders, and squared the ball to Buljevic.

The observative veteran led the ball for Evans who made no mistake.

Luck was on Evans side in the 23rd minute. Wooddin burst forward beating Brown on the run.

His shot across the goalmouth was met by Evans, hidden behind a cluster of defenders, to effortlessly side foot it past Crook.

Duncan Cummings failed to add to the goal tally in the 39th minute. His momentary hesitation to follow a through-ball, allowed Crook to dash off his line and clear the ball.

Midfielder, John Stevenson, broke his silence in the opening minute of the second half.

Stevenson collected a square ball from Evans and beat Crook from close range.

Evans sealed the game in the 59th minute. Wooddin robbed defender, Marwe, of the ball, evaded a tackle by Kambas and led the ball for incoming Evans who placed it into the corner of the net.

Minutes later, Evans failed to score the sixth goal when heshaved the crossbar with a long range shot.

From the 70th minute onwards South Melbourne began losing their composure and with it a lot of opportunities to further increase the score.

For West Adelaide Hawks, Sunday's game was yet another bad experience which added to their growing problems.

DUNCAN CUMMINGS OF SOUTH MELBOURNE WATCHES WEST ADELAIDE's GRAHAM HONEYMAN CAREFULLY AT MIDDLE PARK.

As a club official stated after the game, "Today's defeat was the sealing nail of West Adelaide's coffin."

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets, Bannon, Lutton, Xanthopoulos, Cummings, Stevenson, Wooddin, Shirra, Evans, Buljevic, Blair.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook, Maricic, Kambas, Brown, Smythe, Bozanic, Marwe (McKie 64), Lopes, Lorenzoni (Gregson 64), Honeyman, McGregor.

MAN OF THE MATCH: South Melbourne: Evans 2. West Adelaide: Honeyman 2.

ROUGH GOING FOR PLAYERS

By Wally Bruce

The Gladiators bosses decided to join with Rugby Union and play one half of a double-header with the Union match between Queensland and Italy.

The bumpy conditions, certainly well below the standard at City's fine Spencer Park Stadium, and the confusing line markings, which bamboozled several players, did not help the match as a spectacle.

At least the second half picked up a little and it was only five minutes old when the old pro Paul Reaney, blocked a Joe Palinkas shot on the line with Dando beaten.

Palinkas had come on after only 30 minutes to replace Willie Conner, who copped a severe whack on the nose, something which referee Peter Rampley did not think worth a free kick.

The Raiders. Bob Mountford was one of the few players on the day to be able to come up with any inventive work in the adverse conditions, and he did well to set up Steve Sumner for a clear chance in the 55th minute.

The Gladiators answer to Mountford was Gaffney, who made some dashing runs along the left in the second half. Overall Gaffney was pretty well supported by his midfield mates Frank Pimblett and Bobby Hamilton.

In the 59th minute, Heys almost scored direct from a corner but his deceptive curling cross was only just palmed over by the retreating Wishart.

From the resultant corner, David Kamasz chipped into the middle and Sumner made up for his earlier miss by heading past Wishart unchallenged.

Dando made a strong save from a David Ratcliffe shot in the 68th minute and only two minutes later the Gladiators were back on level terms, with Hamilton getting the final touch to a Gaffney cross as he cracked it past Dando.

MAN OF THE MATCH: Brisbane City — Gaffney 3, Newcastle — Mountford 3.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart, Caldwell, Perry, Ratcliffe, B. Wilkinson, Pimblett, Gaffney, Hamilton, Conner (Palinkas 30th), P. Wilkinson, McVeigh.

NEWCASTLE: Dando, Reaney, Drinkwater, Mason, Tredinnick, Senkalski, Sumner, Jones, Heys, Mountford, Kamasz.

REFEREE: P. Rampley.

LUJIC SHINES FOR EAGLES

By Alex Vesic

Marconi suffered its ninth defeat of the season, seldom showing an intent to fight and rarely displaying the flair and speed one is so accustomed to seing at Bossley Park.

It wasn't a case of "You play only as well as the opposition allows you" for Marconi were just so lethargic, Footscray could have made it look worse. In fact the visitors had the whole of the second half as they sprayed the ball around with Suki Jovanovic and Zoran Ilioski dominating play.

Raul Blanco, the Marconi coach, surprised most, by leaving out Housseini and Picioane and fielding Johnston and Jankovics as midfielders. Strange move indeed, considering Marconi's position on the table and their problems with the sponsor should they finish below the fourth spot on the League ladder.

Stuart Johnston had a terrible day, while Mark Jankovics, apart from scoring a goal, was all at sea against a very skilful Footscray midfield. By the time Johnston was replaced by Picioane the "boat had sailed" and Marconi had very little chance of coming back into the game.

Zdravko Lujic was Marconi's tormentor, creating the first two goals, then exploiting an unusual error by Alan Maher to slip in and score the third. He was at his best giving Paul Degney some king-size headaches with dazzling ball control and speed.

Degney made an error under pressure from Lujic in the seventh minute and the Footscray winger was quick to seize the opportunity. His pin-point cross found Verweij not far from the line and a header followed to give the Blues its first goal.

Footscray survived some anxious moments following this goal and were lucky to go in at half-time holding a one goal advantage. Peter Sharne was the offender in the 22nd minute. A cross by Eddie Krncevic eluded a couple of defenders and Ian Hunter in the middle, but Sharne looked poised to hit home an easy goal when he slipped, allowing the ball to run past.

Dennis Boland made a superb save close to half-time but only managed to palm the ball to the feet of Ian Hunter, whose first-time shot grazed the roof of the dressing rooms.

Soon after the restart Footscray made it 2:0, following a superb run by Lujic. He ran around Degney to cross deep to the far post and Bruno Cozzella had an open goal to contend with. His header found the net and the game was all but over.

Jankovics hit back close to the end to cut Footscray's lead, but soon after Lujic tapped the ball home following a cross by Jovanovic and a "dropsie" by Alan Maher to end the proceedings at Bossley Park.

It was yet another sad day for Marconi, but a jubilant one for the winners. In fact Marconi's "drum squad" as well as the rest of their supporters, appeared to have quitened during the second-half and some couple of hundred of Footscray's Cabramatta following gave their throats some exercise chanting "Plavi — Plavi".

Marconi must improve on their showing if they are to make any inroads against dour but methodical Brisbane Lions on Wednesday night.

MARCONI: Maher, Degney, Henderson (Tomasich 62), Mariani, Brogan, Johnston (Picioane 58), Byrne, Jankovics, Sharne, Krncevic, Hunter.

FOOTSCRAY: Boland, Kyriakouleas, Milne, O'Reilly, Kondarios, Kakantonis, Ilioski, Jovanovic, Verweij, Cozzella (Belic 78), Lujic.

MAN OF THE MATCH: Marconi: Byrne 3 Footscray: Lujic 5

ASW — MARCONI TRAVEL TROPHY

ASW correspondents at Philips League matches have been strictly briefed on the allocation of "man of the match" points.

This is how the system works:

5 pts. Magnificent match-winning performance.
4 pts. Outstanding, brilliant.
3 pts. Great display.
2 pts. Very good.
1 pt. Good game, best player in the team.

In other words, a player has to be really exceptional to be given four points — and almost a miracle man to collect five.

TWO WILSONS AND ONE PENALTY

by Keith Gilmour

Heidelberg left Sydney still bewildered over how they failed to take the points back from the Pratten Park encounter against Sydney Olympic.

The referee's sheet shows Olympic 2, Heidelberg 1, but the Warriors made the best of the chances and were more than unlucky to have a penalty awarded against them.

Characteristically, Olympic coach Doug Collins admitted his good fortune.

"We should have beaten Marconi a week ago but we didn't. Now the position is reversed," he said.

The penalty decision was at best a washy affair. It is doubtful whether John Yzendoorn and Bobby Provan really menaced Mark Koussas in the box, but let there be no mistake over the way in which Ken Wilson sent the ball roaring into the net from the spot-kick.

The foundation of Olympic's win was laid as early as the tenth minute, when a rehearsed move resulted in a fabulous goal.

Mike Cross earned a free kick not far from the centre-line in Heidelberg territory and wide on the right.

Peter Raskopoulos lifted his kick wide to left-back Andy Scott, who moved to the line just as he does when playing as striker.

He cut it across for Ken Wilson to blast the ball home.

The other factor that decided the result made it an all-Wilson affair, although Raskopoulos should be commended as well.

Peter Wilson (19) pulled off a couple of incredible saves in each half, and if he is not about the best goal-keeping prospect in this country I am unable to say who is.

It would surprise me if the Heidelberg lads did not support me after this Wilson display!

Olympic's last win was back on June 14, when they beat Preston 2-1. The two points gratefully received on Sunday takes them further from the relegation area.

Jamie Paton sent Jim Campbell on his way for a 68th minute goal to bring the score to 2-1, and Olympic's goal was peppered from then on.

On came tricky winger Jim Redfern, who had flown into Sydney on Friday, and he showed that he has had more than a casual acquaintance with a Soccer ball.

Two late saves from Paton — both had goal written all over them — were Peter Wilson's further contribution.

Then Jim Rooney was unable to score on the turn in the 93rd minute and Olympic had triumphed against the odds.

Said Heidelberg's coach Len McKendry: "I have had the team for seven weeks, and you could see how well we are playing.

"We simply did not deserve to lose."

OLYMPIC: Wilson, Moulis, Scott, Raskopoulos (Jamieson 79m), Ziras, Rowden, Cross, Katholos, Koussas, Wilson, Jennings (Redfern 68m).

HEIDELBERG: Olver, McMillan, Yankos, Yzendoorn, Provan, Rooney, Selemidis, Campbell, Paton, Cole, Tacevski (Bozikas 62m).

MAN OF THE MATCH: P. Wilson (Olympic) 4. Campbell (Heidelberg) 3.

SLICKERS GET A BIG FRIGHT

By DAVID JACK

Sydney City Slickers scrambled a 1 - 1 draw at Sydney Athletic Field against struggling Blacktown Demons . . . and only a coat of paint on an upright saved Slickers from defeat.

BRUCE JAMES

The score was 1 - 1 with three minutes to play. Brian O'Donnell burst through on the left wing and hit a perfect first-time shot which beat goalkeeper Todfd Clarke. The shot hit the inside of the post and, amazingly, came back into play.

That's how close Demons were to a shock victory.

One minute later, the same O'Donnell again went through on the wing but, with only Clarke to beat, he shot tamely - and too soon.

Slickers also had scoring chances through John Kosmina in the first half and Murray Barnes just before the two O'Donnell efforts. Each time it was spectacular goalkeeper Bruce James who saved his side.

James earned much admiration for those saves but he earned little applause for running out of his goal earlier to attack Kosmina. Indeed James, Kosmina and Ken Boden could have all been given marching orders had the match been controlled by a stricter referee.

With so much at stake for both sides, it is not surprising that tempers were lost frequently. And some of the dressing room comments from both coaches when it was all over suggested Messrs Thomson and Rasic are anything but palsy-walsy !

Blacktown, despite their excellent away point, are now looking near-certainties for relegation. Too many of their fellow strugglers are winning matches too.

Slickers were first to score with a goal from out of the blue just after the interval. It was a super shot from 30 metres by Ian Souness which caused Demons hearts to sink. But within 13 minutes, Blacktown had levelled when the hard-working Stuart Selvage slung a cross into the middle for Peter Jones to beat Clarke with a diving header close to the turf.

Those were the only goals of an interesting, though hardly inspiring, match.

For Blacktown, James, Selvage, Cuk and Pointer all did well but on a disappointing afternoon, Slickers had few stars. Clarke and Souness were their best performers.

Despite their great depth of reserves, Slickers obviously missed the absent Kevin Mullen and Ian Bruce and, of course, Boden who did not appear until the match had been on for 67 minutes.

SLICKERS : Clarke, Cant, O'Connor, Robertson, Spanos, Patikas (Boden 67 mts), Souness, Barnes, Watson, Kosmina, Murray.

DEMONS : James, Rasmussen, Djordjevic, Pointer, Cuk (Wheatley 75 mts), Hormazabal, O'Donnell,

REFEREE : Ken Small.

MAN OF THE MATCH : Slickers - Souness 2 pts. Demons - James 3 pts.

OLLERTON MUST HAVE KNOWN !

BY IOHN FIELD

One man who was not surprised by Preston's remarkable 6 - 0 win against Wollongong Wolves was player-coach Peter Ollerton. Only a week earlier after his Preston side drew with Leichhardt, "Ollie" said with confidence : "There's no chance of this team being relegated."

Obviously he knew a thing or two. But even the most optimistic of Preston fans could hardly have expected the six goal avalanche which rocked the Wolves on Sunday.

The architect of the victory was centre-forward Claude Lucchesi who scored two first half goals to set his side on the road to success. . . and also hit the post when he looked like grabbing a hat trick.

This was easily Preston's best effort of the season and relegation was the last thing on the minds of the home players when it was all over.

The match was only 10 minutes old when Lucchesi scored his first goal, with a ground shot from a pass by Alan Whittle. Wollongong goalkeeper Natch Vardareff was well beaten. It was 2 - 0 after 23 minutes when a corner kick, taken by Doug Brown, was headed past Vardareff by Lucchesi.

English import Whittle put the home side three goals in front after 14 minutes of the second half by lobbing a ball over the goalkeeper's head. Wollongong claimed the ball had not crossed the line before being cleared but the goal verdict was allowed to stand.

Doug Brown, who had caused so much trouble to the Wolves defence, brought up the fourth goal but even with that big advantage, Preston still went searching for more goals.

And they got them - after Ollerton and Bob Cullen both came on from the substitutes bench in the closing minutes.

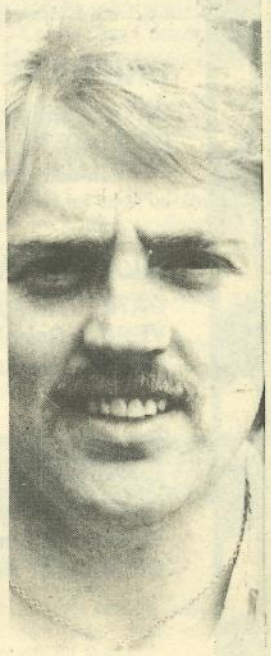
A shot from Cullen was deflected into his own net by Glenn Fontana before the final nail in Wollongong's coffin was hamered home by Cullen again.

All that can be said about the badly beaten Wolves is that they kept plugging away right to the end.

It is difficult to realise that the Wolves, able to hold so many opposing teams so capably all season, suffered such a hiding from one of the candidates for relegation.

Full marks, though, to the Preston side who are surely not due for the big drop on this form. Clearly, Peter Ollerton, knew what he was talking about when he predicted better times ahead when he was at Leichhardt a week earlier.

Wolves coach Ken Morton, though disappointed by the result, generously conceded : "Preston played really well."



PETER OLLERTON

PRESTON : Wilson, Rainey, Beach, McMillan, Petrovski, Flavell (Ollerton), Boyle (Cullen), Farrell, Brown, Lucchesi, Whittle.

WOLLONGONG : Vardareff, Fleming, Dunleavy, Bertogna, Ainsworth, McBreen, Adam, Tredennick, Kay (De Graaf), Fontana, Lathan.

REFEREE : S. Mellings.

MAN OF THE MATCH : Preston - Lucchesi 3 pts Wollongong - Tredennick 2 pts.

LIONS CASH IN ON BACK PASS

by Steve Burns

Courageous Canberra, having fought back to level at 2-2 after down two goals, were crushed by a disastrous defensive mixup just 10 minutes from time that allowed Brisbane Lions to snatch a 3-2 victory in Canberra.

It was a travesty of a result with Canberra thoroughly deserving to have shared the spoils.

The defeat sent Canberra plunging to its third consecutive loss.

The only happy note for Canberra's coach, George Murray, was the way the team fought back after trailing 2-0.

Brisbane's goals shocked everyone — for they came as a complete surprise in the first minute of each half.

Brisbane's Jimmy Hermiston took a free kick on the right flank and placed it beautifully. Brisbane striker, Bobby Ferris, was able to get in a fierce header that Canberra goalkeeper, Steve Hoszowski, did well to save as he flung himself sidewards with the ball almost crossing the goal line.

But Hoszowski couldn't hold the header and as the ball ran loose Billy Williamson pounced and fired it into the roof of the net.

Temporarily deflated Canberra had to withstand great Brisbane pressure and in the 11th minute Brisbane's teenage winger, Craig Low, moved inside and fired in a great 25-metre shot that Hoszowski saved brilliantly.

But Canberra weathered the storm and shared play until interval.

Then disaster struck again for the Arrows.

The second half was 69 seconds old when a high cross was headed on by ex-Canberra youngster, Stephen Hogg, and finally headed home by veteran defender, Col Bennett.

It looked curtains for the home side.

But courageously they fought back and showed great determination and willpower.

Their just reward came in the 59th minute when Ian Gibson took a corner that looked to have been well cleared by Brisbane's defence. Not so. Canberra's Walter Valeri collected the ball 30 metres from the goal and his thunderous shot ploughed its way through a packed defence and beat keeper Tony Scanlan.

Canberra continued to press and just 13 minutes later young fullback John Moutsopoulos jumped for joy when his well-struck cross was brilliantly headed home by Canberra's Robert O'Shea.

The game was then just 72 minutes old and remarkably the team that 15 minutes earlier had looked dejected and defeated now looked to even have a chance of clinching victory.

It was all Canberra but then a seemingly harmless long clearance led to the mixup that allowed Brisbane to snatch victory.

Big Canberra sweeper, John Massa, playing his first full league game, back-passed to goalkeeper, Steve Hoszowski, as Hoszowski came out near the edge of the box.

Somehow, the ball either ran loose or Hoszowski failed to come out quickly enough — whatever the reason Brisbane's Billy Williamson was on hand to intercept the ball and carry it around Hoszowski and then steer it into an empty net.

It was an unfortunate incident for both Hoszowski and Massa as both had fine games.

Understandably, Brisbane coach, Joe Gilroy, was ecstatic at the result.

"Last week we downed Sydney Slickers by the odd goal and today we did the same to Canberra," he said.

"The team is on a winning streak.

"Everyone is really fighting."

Canberra coach, George Murray, didn't have to say anything — the look on his face said it all.

So did the dismal 16OO spectators — one of the lowest crowds Canberra has had to suffer for at least two seasons.

CANBERRA: Hoszowski, M.O'Shea, Moutsopoulos, Cole, J.O'Shea, R.O'Shea, Massa, Valeri, McLaren, Gibson, Brennan.

BRISBANE LIONS: Scanlan, Ontong, Niven, Bennett, Hermiston, Hogg, McLean (Ogden 76), Ferris, Low, Williamson, Daunt.

MAN OF THE MATCH: Canberra: R.O'Shea 2. Lions: Daunt 2.

GIANTS CAN FORGET IT!

by Tom McKain

Adelaide City Giants may have blown their title chances at Olympic Sports Field last Sunday when they allowed Leichhardt Strikers to suck them into a defensive trap which when sprung produced a 0-0 draw.

And while admitting the visitors deserved their point, home fans will also claim Victorian referee, Chris Bambridge, robbed them of a goal in the third minute.

It was when Socceroo striker, David Mitchell, was thigh-scythed by former national captain, Peter Wilson, inside the box.

Home supporters screamed for a penalty, and Johnny Nyskohus prepared to take it — but referee Bambridge shook his head and pandimonium broke loose.

While agreeing the referee's decision is final it certainly didn't appear correct but fortunately for him it was so early in the game and had the incident occurred later there could have been trouble.

But rain during the second half dampened the ardour and the fury of Giants' spectators and then a David Jones nudge on Sebastian Giampaolo in the 20th minute was allowed without a whistle being blown inside the box.

The rain also ruined the farewell match of English guest star, Justin Fashanu.

The treacherous surface made things difficult for him and the equally tall Mitchell, although it must be said that Strikers' Mark Pullen did a tremendous job shadowing the English superstar.

Leichhardt were content to back-peddle which forced the home team to try and score with long-range shots.

They flashed in from Sergio Melta, Johnny Nyskohus, Bugsy Nyskohus, Fashanu, Mitchell, Johnny Perin, Gary Marocchi, and Brian Northcote.

But keeper, Greg Woodhouse, didn't have to extend himself, and it was the same story at the other end of the field where Steve Peressin had only a Phil O'Connor drive which gave him any trouble.

The extent of the home team's pressure is illustrated when it is noted that it took Leichhardt until the 63rd minute to force their second corner.

However, it must be admitted that much of the guile went out of their attack in the 24th minute when O'Connor had to go off the field with a thigh injury and was replaced by Tony Morsello.

As far as the Adelaide team was concerned it was a disastrous result although Sydney City was held to a draw.

South Melbourne, in second place, hammered West Adelaide Hawks 5-0 and the Giants had been counting on their neighbours, who had knocked them out of the Philips Cup semi final, to do them a good turn in Melbourne.

Just for the record, referee Bambridge booked Johnny Perin of Giants, Pullen, Wilson and Alan Hughes although the tackles could be put down to the condition of the pitch rather than any malice on the part of players.

ADELAIDE CITY: Peressin, B.Nyskohus, Russell, Melta, Jones, Northcote (Villani 80), Fashanu, Perin, Marocchi, J.Nyskohus, Mitchell.

LEICHHARDT: Woodhouse, Skellern, McAusland, Pullen, Wilson, Hughes, Gray, Giampaolo, Butler, Kafka, O'Connor (Morsello 24).

MAN OF THE MATCH: Adelaide City: Northcote 3. Leichhardt: Pullen 3.

WEEKEND FIXTURES

Philips Soccer League

BRISBANE LIONS V MARCONI LEOPARDS
DATE: Sunday, August 9. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
GROUND: Richlands.
OFFICIALS: Referee - D. Nugent. Linesmen - A. Kibbler, D. Klose.

BLACKTOWN DEMONS V CANBERRA ARROWS
DATE: Sunday, August 9. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
VENUE: Gabbie Stadium.
OFFICIALS: Referee - T. Davies. Linesmen - G. Power, A. Morrison.

NEWCASTLE KB RAIDERS V SYDNEY SLICKERS
DATE: Sunday, August 9. KICK-OFF: 2.30 pm.
VENUE: International Sports Centre.
OFFICIALS: Referee - R. Mee. Linesmen - J. Judd, W. Jones.

LEICHHARDT STRIKERS V BRISBANE GLADIATORS
DATE: Sunday, August 9. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
VENUE: Lambert Park.
OFFICIALS: Referee - H. Witschge. Linesmen - B. Fowler, P. Hafey.

WOLLONGONG WOLVES V ADELAIDE GIANTS
DATE: Sunday, August 9. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
VENUE: Wollongong Showground.
OFFICIALS: Referee - A. Boskovic. Linesmen - K. Small, K. Tooke.

SOUTH MELBOURNE GUNNERS V PRESTON RAMS
DATE: Sunday, August 9. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
VENUE: Middle Park.
OFFICIALS: Referee - J. Johnston. Linesmen - M. Gaut, T. Stirling.

FOOTSCRAY EAGLES V SYDNEY OLYMPIANS
DATE: Sunday, August 9. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
VENUE: Schintler Reserve.
OFFICIALS: Referee - D. Yelland. Linesmen - S. Zoumas, D. Voutsinas.

ADELAIDE HAWKS V HEIDELBERG WARRIORS
DATE: Sunday, August 9. KICK-OFF: 2.30 pm.
VENUE: Hindmarsh Stadium.
OFFICIALS: Referee - D. Campbell. Linesmen - T. Martell, C. Barbo.

MARCONI LEOPARDS V BRISBANE LIONS
PHILIPS CUP SEMI-FINAL
DATE: Wednesday, August 5. KICK-OFF: 8.00 pm.
VENUE: Marconi Stadium.
OFFICIALS: Referee - P. Rampley. Linesmen - K. Small, W. Lord.

Soccer Terms explained: No. 11

A Draw.

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NEXT WEEKEND'S PREVIEWS

NEWCASTLE V SYDNEY CITY

By Ian Smith

I should retire from predictions, but the only thing that motivates me is that one day I might get one right.

Now, Sydney Slickers will obviously beat Newcastle KB Raiders at the International Sports Centre. After all, haven't they always in League matches?

The galaxy of stars in the Slickers and the return of Ken Boden to his original PSL ground should ensure a good crowd. The title favourites have so much depth most of the bench could walk into any other first team.

Frankly, I believe coach Eddie Thomson really hasn't utilized his available talent to its fullest this year, but we all know they're going to get the title anyway . . . don't we?

What hope has Newcastle then? Well, just consider what Tredinnick, Mason and Sumner have done in the last couple of months. Sydney City are not familiar with their roles, and the Raiders certainly did enough on their home turf to beat that other team of stars, South Melbourne.

The re-emergence of utility player Neil Endacott has added much-needed depth to the squad but the glaring difference in the sides is in strike power with Kosmina and Boden proiding such a deadly contrast for the visitors.

It was perhaps opportune that, on the occasion of Roy Drinkwater's recent 100th appearance, local TV channel NBN 3 showed captain Roy scoring two goals earlier in the season. It was ironic that the player KB now needs most, Malcolm McLelland, set up both goals.

What a shame that even when a martyr's cause can be shown to have majority support and prove correct in the end, the martyr is still banished to the wilderness.

Perhaps during the off season a hatchet may be found to be buried but I fear it will be too late to stop a blue tornado blowing across the ISC this weekend.

ROY DRINKWATER KENNY BODEN

MARCONI-v-BRISBANE LIONS

By John Field

With all hopes of the Philips Soccer League title disappearing for both of these teams, success in the Philips Cup is now of paramount importance.

For this reason alone, we could be in for a fiery battle at Marconi Stadium tomorrow (Wednesday) night.

Brisbane Lions may not be a glamorous club but they are usually a difficult hurdle for most opposition to clear. Their strength is undoubtedly in the back line where Ontong, Hermiston, Bennett and Niven have broken many an opposing forward's heart.

Although this is only a semi-final, it could almost be the Cup Final when we bear in mind the team the winners will face in the Cup Final next month. West Adelaide, a side which has had a dreadful season, has already booked its place in the Final. So whoever wins tomorrow night should also be crowned Cup winners after the formality of beating West Adelaide is achieved.

This has not been a good year for Marconi Datsun. Cruelly handicapped by constant international calls, they have had team preparations for PSL games savaged by the Australian squad requirements. Even tomorrow, Marconi must take the field without Australia's Youth team captain, Ian Hunter, who is not being released from Youth squad training. The old maxim "country before club" is indeed a heavy burden for coach Raul Blanco.

It would be fitting if the much-abused Blanco did manage to steer his Marconi men to Philips Cup success. Yet even that outstanding achievement would probably not get the detractors off his back.

First things first, though. The immediate requirement is victory over Brisbane Lions. I believe Marconi will get just that - but only if their inconsistent stars all put their act together on the night.

The forecast is. . . a win for Marconi but I make that prediction without any really firm conviction.

WOLLONGONG WOLVES V ADELAIDE CITY

By John Economos

Despite the thrashing Wollongong copped from Preston, the 'Gongers will be out to make life very difficult for the Giants on their home pitch where so far this year they have gained seven draws.

Having said this, I believe that the South Australians will have too much power and class over the home side.

Adcity will take the field without their English guest player Justin Fashanu, who last Sunday completed his Australian appearances, but even so, one must respect the danger that can come from the other strikers, especially Youth international, David Mitchell and the experienced and cheeky Johnny Nyskohus.

Easily one of Australia's classiest midfielders, would have to be Adelaide's Gary Marocchi, who possesses so much class that with a turn of his ankle, he will swing defence into attack in a split second.

For the home side, Arno Bertogna and Peter Tredinnick will have to click if they are to steer Wollongong through choppy seas and avoid another scuttling as last week.

And they have to get pass Adelaide City's anchor at the back, evergreen John Perin.

SOUTH MELBOURNE V PRESTON

By Greg Blake

South Melbourne are still aiming for Melbourne's first PSL title and at this crucial stage of the season they'll not let anyone stand in their way — least of all local side Preston Rams.

And certainly not after the Rams stole a point almost by default in the match at Conner Reserve on May 3.

The Gunners could have won by five goals that day but had to contend with some magnificent goalkeeping by current second choice custodian Gary Clayton. The point they dropped that day could mean the difference between winning and loosing this year's championship.

If that is not a big enough spur for the Gunners next Sunday they can forget all about winning the league in this or any other year.

But they shouldn't have any real bother against a Preston side only really beginning to adjust to what the PSL is all about.

Some euphoric early season results made Preston's inevitable crash all the more bitter a pill to swallow for both the supporters and committee.

Changes were called for and were made.

Either by choice or otherwise the Rams have had to contend with a number of changes to their regular first team.

Higham, Faulkner, Cullen, Kastner and Clayton are no longer automatic selections.

Only recently have new faces in Whittle, Boyle, Farrell and Wilson begun to forego the makings of a potentially quite competent side out Preston way. Injuries and suspensions to key players in Brown, Ollerton, Petrovski and Ward have cost them dearly.

Indeed, even the coaching position has changed hands in this eye-opening inaugural PSL season for the ambitious Preston club.

Only now are they settling down to the task of surviving the current season. A task that will be made all the harder if the Gunners take no mercy on them in front of the "Blue and White Army" at Middle Park on Sunday.

An interesting sidelight will be the personal battle between the Gunners New Zealand international striker Steve Wooddin and his Kiwi team mate of Preston, keeper Richard Wilson.

FOOTSCRAY V SYDNEY OLYMPIANS

By Greg Blake

Possibly because of nothing more than a loss of confidence Olympic have floundered a little since Docherty's return to the 'glamour' of English football with third division Preston North End.

And despite what some may think the Olympians haven't a chance of beating the home specialist champions, Footscray Eagles, at Schintler Reserve next Sunday.

The Eagles aren't at their best away from their own turf.

On the other hand it's hard to see the Olympians even at their best — which they aren't at the moment — getting anything from the Eagles in Melbourne. They have sent the cream of NSW's footballers — e.g. The Slickers, Leichhardt and Canberra - back over the boarder with their tails between their legs.

Facts are that the Eagles have not lost at home since April 26 and I fail to find any reason that would justify selecting Olympic as the team which will reverse that trend.

I simply hope that the Olympians have not forgotten their commitment to attack that was apparent under Docherty as their visits here have been long anticipated by excitement-starved fans.

WEST ADELAIDE V HEIDELBERG

By Tom McKain

West Adelaide Hawks get a chance next weekend to silence their critics and pick up two points.

On Sunday at Hindmarsh Stadium, they take on another side threatened by relegation in the shape of Heidelberg.

It had been planned for Hawks to play twice over the weekend, with Sydney Olympians providing opposition under the Hindmarsh lights on Friday night. However,West Adelaide decided this would be too heavy a burden so the South Australian team pulled out of that hectic double-match programme.

Peter Jaksa, the West Adelaide coach, has English newcomer Colin Gregson as an additional midfielder, and at least five of the reserve team could have gone into the PSL line-up in an emergency.

On paper, the Heidelberg match will be the a tough one: under normal circumstances Hawks would be content with a draw.

But in their present plight they must win all home games to have any chance of getting out of the relegation zone.

Heidelberg's Gary Cole has come back to striking form at the right time for his coach Len McKendry, and Jaksa is expected to stick a special marker on the big forward — probably Gregson, who has proved he has a tenacious tackle.

Graham Honeyman and Ian McGregor will then be his key midfielders, with Vic Smythe the playmaker for strikers Manecas and Aldo Lorenzoni.

This will be the pattern in all games, with Robert Marwe, Ian McKie and Tim Brown able to take the field from the bench, with reserve pool players George Koulianos, Steve Atsalas, Tom Totsikos and perhaps Jimmy Wright — if he can solve his differences with Jaksa.

This could be a make or break afternoon for the Adelaide club.

LEICHHARDT V BRISBANE CITY

By Alex Vesic

O'Connor versus Perry, Soper versus Ratcliffe should highlight this Lambert Park encounter, destined to give Leichhardt the best crowd of the season. With both sides challenging for the top, and neither keen to assume a defensive pattern, the crowd should be treated to one of those rare "go for broke" matches.

For Leichhardt, Wilson, Hughes and Pullen form a very solid back wall in front of Woodhouse and should present Kelso, Palinkas and Hamilton or Conner with problems.

Up front, the home side appears to have a very strong trio in Morsello, Soper and O'Connor, with the last two scoring almost half of Leichhardt's goals for the year. Perry will look after O'Connor but I doubt if the Socceroo from Sutherland will be able to contain the in-form O'Connor.

Marshall Soper is without doubt a player of the future and should give Ratcliffe some king-size headaches, while Morsello will find Wilkinson a tough nut to crack.

Midfield is fairly even with Gaffney and Pimblett, the experienced pair from Brisbane, holding a slight edge on a somewhat erratic Leichhardt midfield. Should Hamilton or McVeigh fire, Leichhardt might have to struggle to get the points against a fairly well balanced and methodical Brisbane City.

A dour struggle should eventuate with Leichhardt holding slight territorial advantage, but a point apiece would be the favoured result.

BRISBANE LIONS V MARCONI

By Wally Bruce

Brisbane Lions face up to the second half of a fascinating "double — header" when they play the Marconi Leopards at Richlands on Sunday.

The same two teams meet in their Philips Cup semi — final on Marconi's Bossley Park tomorrow (Wednesday) night.

Obviously at this stage of the season, the Cup game is much more vital to both, but Lions will want the two PSL points as well.

The last time Marconi were in Brisbane, against the Gladiators, they were woeful and that was even admitted by the No. 1 Leopard himself, Tony Labbozzetta.

There have been a few changes in the Marconi line-up since then . . . and no one would expect this great club to play quite so badly again.

As for Lions, there seems no stopping them at home. Billy Williamson up front is developing into a really talented personality in his combination with Craig Low and Calvin Daunt, although the latter has been struggling a little after having his nose broken.

What of the other men continuing to contribute with amazingly consistent performances — Col Bennett, Jim Hermiston and Paul Ontong?

What Lions cannot afford to do is to start off as badly as they did last time at home against Sydney Slickers, but if they flight back as well as they did that day . . . pity Marconi.

BLACKTOWN V CANBERRA

By Keith Gilmour

After two recent encounters with championship-aspirants Sydney City, Blacktown Demons must look for the chance of two home points against less than convincing Canberra Arrows.

Coach Rale Rasic's arithmetic called for a budget of 23 points to avoid relegation.

The Canberra game must be pencilled in for two points if the objective is to be realised.

The return of Rob Wheatley after his trip to Suva with the Australian squad is a definite gain, because it was his inspiration for 90 minutes and Jovan Djordjevic's ability to find 50 or 60 minutes of top effort that helped so much when the points were flowing freely.

In recent weeks, Stuart Selvage, Branko Culina, Brian Turner and Brian O'Donnell have been off the boil, and that is just too much altogether for the side to experience all at once.

That same sort of thing has been Canberra's problem also. After presenting themselves as possible title challengers they have slumped.

Yet there is exceptional talent there, and with the speedy attacker Tony Brennan leading the line they have much more to offer in this department than their opponents.

What if Harry Williams suddenly hit his best? With Col Curran he must be rated as one of Australia's all-time greats at left-back — and he has plenty of football left in him.

I think the result must go to Canberra if they can produce a starting team that includes most of their top players, provided they are over injuries.

The Demons, I believe, must rest their case on the quality of the Canberra team on the day. If the Arrows are down a bit, then it is the Demons for a point, but probably not otherwise.

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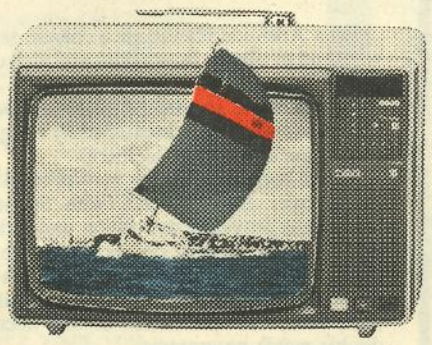

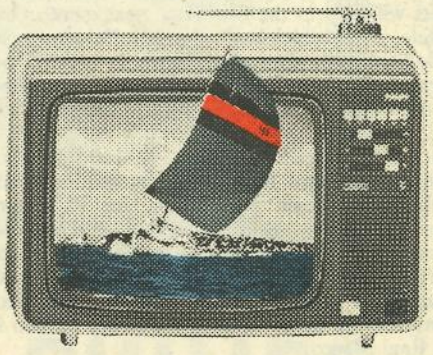

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THE YOUNG CHAMPIONS

By John Economos

Last week ASW presented a special page to give you an insight to Australia's Young Champion Soccer players who will represent this country on October 3rd in the World Youth Championships for the Coca-Cola Cup.

The final of this Championship will be played at the Sydney Cricket Ground on October 18.

The World Youth Championships for the Coca-Cola Cup will be contested by 16 nations from all over the world, and will be the biggest sporting event Australia has staged since the 1956 Melbourne Olympic Games.

The Coca-Cola Company will be sponsoring this magnificent Soccer extravaganza to the tune of some $3.4 million.

Over the next few weeks, Coca-Cola will step up their tremendous promotional campaign to herald the staging of this Soccer spectacular. Coca-Cola started the "ball" rolling with appearances all over Australia of their special WYC character, Kickaburra, which is proving very popular with young Soccer players in Australia.

This World Youth Championship will be only the third ever staged. The first was held in 1977 in Tunisia, with the Final being won by the USSR, whilst the second WYC was staged in Tokyo where the USSR once again made the Final, but this time were defeated by Argentina.

Now with only nine weeks to go, Argentina comes to Australia to defend this precious Coca-Cola Cup, and will do battle in the first rounds with England, Australia and Cameroon.

The World Youth Championships will be beamed to over 50 countries all over the world as world-class Youth Soccer players go on display for their respective countries — West Germany, England, Poland, Spain, Argentina, Egypt, Korea, Qatar, USA, Uruguay, Brazil, Italy, Romania, Mexico, Cameroon and of course Australia.

This week, we bring you another two of Australia's YOUNG CHAMPIONS.

We strongly advise our young readers to collect every week ASW's pen-portraits of The Young Champions.

This week we bring you Numbers 3 and 4 for your collection . . . Australia's tough-as-teak centre-back, Steve Blair, and Mark Koussas, the quick striker with a lethal shot in either boot.

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THE FIFA WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP T.M. THE COCA-COLA CUP AUSTRALIA 1981

No 3. STEVE BLAIR

Born: 28th December 1961, in Paisley, Scotland.
Height: 6 feet 2 inches.
Position: Centre-back.
Favourite car: Sigma SE (just bought one).
Previous clubs: Albion Rovers; now South Melbourne in the PSL.
Music: Most types. Favourite group: The Eagles.

This big, strong, sturdy lad will be Australia's "spine" in defence for the WYC and already has represented Australia in the current World Cup series, rapidly gaining international experience.

His main assets are his height and physical strength, and because he has played in Scotland as a striker, he likes to break from the back and push forward to instigate attacks.

Steve's favourite PSL player is Alan Davidson, whilst, on the international scene, Liverpool's Kenny Dalglish has his utmost respect.

Blair's favourite overseas clubs are Manchester United and Celtic.

So far, Steve has six full international caps and will prove to be a tower of strength for Australia in the Championship.

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THE FIFA WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP T.M. THE COCA-COLA CUP AUSTRALIA 1981

No 4. MARK KOUSSAS

THE FIFA WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP T.M. THE COCA-COLA CUP AUSTRALIA 1981

Born: 9th January, 1963.
Height: 5 feet 10 inches.
Position: Central striker.
Favourite car: All Alfa Romeos.
Clubs: Ryde RSL U12s, Gladesville Hornsby, Western Suburbs U15s and then graduated to Sydney Olympic.
Music: New Wave.

Mark is a very well-built striker, who is deceptively fast over the first 10 metres. Considering his height, he is strong in the air, attacks and shields the ball very well, and has developed a strong aggression when on the ball and inside the box.

As far as personal ambitions, Mark wants to do well with his PSL club, Sydney Olympic, then hopefully Australia and would love a short spell with a European club in years to come.

His advice to all young Soccer players is: "Perservere with training and NEVER give up. Keep pushing yourself through pain barriers with hard work. This is a must."

Recently, Koussas has concentrated on sharpening his speed and his vision has improved enormously.

This very talented young striker made his PSL debut in Sydney Olympic's last match of the season in 1979 against St George.

His favourite players are Kenny Boden from Sydney City, whilst overseas, he likes Maradona, Trevor Brooking of West Ham and Spurs' Glenn Hoddle.

Favourite overseas club for Mark is Leeds United.

Recently, Koussas has been having individual training sessions with Australia's WYC assistant coach, Raul Blanco, which Koussas states has helped him enormously.

Mark is another Young Champion awaiting eagerly to do Soccer-battle for Australia.

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LEICHHARDT'S MIRACLE IN YOUTH LEAGUE

by Keith Gilmour

Leichhardt wrote its name into the NSW Youth League records in no mean style by becoming the first club to reach the finals in all grades.

Club official Tony Raciti said: "It was particularly gratifying because we defeated teams who secured a number of places in NSW representative teams, whereas we had only one player selected."

The club expects to have up to 400 members of the APIA Supporters Club in attendance at Saturday week's finals at Barton Park, apart from the players' parents and friends.

Ku-ring-gai went down 1-0 to Leichhardt in under 14 after being undefeated all season. They fielded four State representatives.

Leichhardt's U15s trailed 2-1 at half-time but ran out handsome 4-2 winners, and the U16s found two late goals to defeat Canterbury 2-0.

Youth League organiser Dick Bates was delighted at the excellent crowd at Bankstown, where Blacktown City eliminated Marconi 1-0 in U16, and St George U15 won their semi-final 2-1 in extra time, also against Marconi.

On Saturday August 15 at Barton Park under floodlights, there will be a magnificent presentation of the finals, which include one of those endearing shows by the now-famous Kickaburra, with television from Channel 0/28.

Sydney Olympic U14 defeated Marconi 3-2 in extra time.

Marconi, with right-back J. Veneri and striker R. Monsev shining, had the Olympians under constant pressure throughout, but when it came to extra time the latter conjured up extra reserves of strength.

The game produced too much wild kicking to be a first class spectacle, with Olympic managing twice to come from behind to get back into the match.

Their best players included Steve Melissougous, who scored from a free-kick, and central midfielder Steve Polite.

Both teams are to be congratulated for giving 100% commitment.

In the Parramatta City U16 Cup Wednesday night's matches are as set down for last week, when the games were washed out.

PROMOTIONAL MATCH FOR YOUTH 'ROOS

The Australian Youth team will visit the Penrith area on Wednesday night (Aug 5), to play a team selected from players who commenced their Soccer careers in the Nepean district.

Players will be drawn from Marconi, Blacktown City, State League teams Polonia, Auburn and Melita and local First Division team Penrith United and Second Division Mount Druitt Town.

The match will be held at 8 pm at Cook Park in St Marys.

It is sponsored by the Penrith City Council and proceeds will go to three local charities — Thorndale School, Cherrywood Village and the Greystanes Children's homes — as part of the council's contribution towards the Year of the Disabled.

Denes Adrigan, who is heading the organising committee, said he was delighted the youth squad could fit the night into their heavy schedule.

"It's a great opportunity for the people in the west to see the best young soccer players in the country," Mr Adrigan said.

Former Nepean star Ian Hunter will captain the Australian side.

The youth squad includes Robert Wheatley, Steven Blair, Peter Raskopoulos and David Mitchell.

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JUNIOR SOCCER

A New Zealand viewpoint

"GIVE JUNIORS THE CHOP"

says Alan Yates

This article comes to us from New Zealand, where the East Coast Bays Association Football Club is obviously involved in a struggle of principle and purpose.

Experienced player Alan Yates obviously would prefer to cut back on the kids from 84 to 14 teams and then use the best coaches to produce players.

But why not hive off the senior club and the feeder top junior teams into one unit, and leave the other kids to play their sport simply for recreation?

Remedies

Is Soccer only to be for the good players?

Perhaps remedies are not as clear cut as that, but in a case such as this there is no reason why, with so many other clubs around, that the juniors cannot be re-organised away from the seniors.

If young Steven Yates is not one of the toplines, why should he not be able to play Soccer in a lower grade?

Anyway, let Alan Yates now tell his story.

"It is very nice to say to people that we are the biggest club in the world, but also it can become the biggest headache.

This article is only my own thoughts, but I would like to present some facts which are of future consequences if the club is to survive.

We as a club, have in fact become a nursery for 1200 kids. Are we getting quality, are we getting these children actually coming through to first team status?

The answer is no! Let's look into the question of quality, and why we are not getting it.

Because we are so big and have 84 teams, we require 84 coaches. Are there 84 quality coaches in our club? No.

The fact of trying to get 84 coaches is a problem — no offence to the coaches though — they are mainly parents who are very keen but that does not make them into coaches.

Our next problem in being the biggest club is ground facilities. This is a big headache.

It is very nice Mr Highet patting us on the back for our achievements as a club, how about issuing us with ten more fields!

Steven and Alan Yates

From a senior point of view how can a top groundsman like Alan Flett put in hours of more preparing a pitch only to see it being used by 6 senior teams and I don't know how many juniors for training.

How can we give your youth players something to aim for i.e. a top ground to play on, when he is already training on and then playing on it on a Saturday.

My conclusion for the future of E.C. Bays is 10 midget teams, ABC in every grade which would be 14 junior sides in the juniors then this would give us easier access to grounds.

We could then through scrutiny employ 14 coaches, which would then produce quality players.

A ground is required on which only the firstteam would play on a Saturday, thus providing an incentive to aim for. The ground would provide for quality football.

Our ultimate aim is to be the best club, with facilities that demand quality football."

SCHOOLS INTER-STATE SERIES LIMITED

NSW Schools coach John McDonald is unhappy over the limited entries to this year's Australian School Championships.

"With only Victoria, Western Australia, Queensland and NSW competing, it takes a little of the shine off the honour of winning," he said.

But McDonald, who has taken Normanhurst High to two wins in the huge NSW Tasman Cup, has reason to be satisfied with the level of experience in his team.

George Fernandez, Tim Anderson, Gary Phillips, Ranato Licata and Ray Vlietstra were squad members last year.

Danny Zanolla, Kevin O'Donnell and Phil McNiece were members of the NSW Under 18 team in the Australian Championships in Canberra in May.

And Carlo Loguidice was in the NSW Under 16 team in 1980.

This year's series will be played in Melbourne in the next school holidays.

YOUTH LEAGUE

NSW YOUTH LEAGUE FINALS

Barton Stadium, Sat. Aug. 15:
6.00 p.m. U14 Sydney Olympic v Leichhardt
7.30 p.m. U15 Leichhardt v St George
9.00 p.m. U16 Blacktown City v Leichhardt

PLAY-OFFS 3rd and 4th

Seymour Shaw Park, Sat. Aug. 15:
11.30 a.m. U14 Ku-ring-gai v Marconi
1.00 p.m. U15 Sutherland v Marconi
2.30 p.m. U16 Canterbury v Marconi

NSW YOUTH LEAGUE POLONIA CUP KNOCK-OUT

ROUND 1 — SAT. AUGUST 8

Melita v Riverwood 14, 15, 16	Melita Stadium
Manly v Croatia 14, 15, 16	Cromer Park
Bankstown v Blacktown Assn 14, 15, 16	Bankstown SC
Sutherland 14, 16, Ku-ring-gai 15 v	Jellicoe Park
Sthn & East 14, 16, Sydney Olympic 15	
Sthn Districts 14, 16, Avala 15 v	Ernie Smith Park
Illawarra 15, 16, Avala 14	
Gladesville v Canterbury 14, 15	Arlington Park
Blacktown City v Polonia 14, 15	Chopin Park
(Sydney Olympic 16 - bye)	

KICK-OFF TIMES:
U14 - 12 Noon; U15 - 1.15 pm; U16 - 3 pm.

METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

ROUND 12:

	U10	U11	U12	U13
Illawarra v Canterbury	0-0	2-0	0-4	1-3
Manly v Blacktown	0-0	1-0	3-2	2-3
Nepean v Granville	0-1	1-0	0-0	4-2
St George v Bankstown	3-0	1-0	3-1	2-1
Gladesville v Central Coast	—	4-0	4-2	1-3
Ku-ring-gai v Sutherland	—	0-1	0-3	2-0

Southern — Eastern - bye.

OFFICIAL POINT SCORE:

U13: St George 20, Canterbury 16, Sutherland 16, Ku-ring-gai 16, Manly 12, Illawarra 11, Bankstown 11, Granville 10, Southern & Eastern 9, Nepean 8, Blacktown, 6, Gladesville 4, Central Coast 4.

U12: Granville 19, St George 19, Nepean 17, Gladesville 14, Canterbury 14, Illawarra 14, Bankstown 10, Southern & Eastern 9, Central Coast 8, Manly 7, Sutherland 7, Ku-ring-gai 3, Blacktown 1.

U11: Illawarra 22, St George 18, Gladesville 17, Canterbury 16, Nepean 12, Granville 11, Bankstown 10, Sutherland 9, Blacktown 8, Manly 8, Southern & Eastern 5, Central Coast 4, Ku-ring-gai 0.

U10: Granville 16, Nepean 13, Illawarra 13, Canterbury 10, Gladesville 9, St George 7, Southern & Eastern 5, Bankstown 5, Blacktown 3, Manly 3.

TASMAN CUP SEMI-FINALS

The Tasman Cup semi-final draw is out.

Enmore meets Canterbury in Sydney, and Keira plays Waratah at Woonona.

CHS convenor Phil Hare is aiming to secure Pratten Park for the crowd-pulling night game between Enmore and Canterbury, possibly on August 12. CHS would play Olympic Youth team in the early match.

The Woonona game will be under lights, on or about the same night.

In their quarter final matches Waratah, with KB Youth team striker David Lowe to the fore, defeated Wallsend 4-0, and Keira accounted for Cabramatta 2-0.

The Tasman Cup final will be at Speers Point if Waratah defeat Keira in the semi-final. If Keira come out tops it will be at Barton Park, possibly on August 19.

KU-RING-GAI DISTRICT SOCCER ASSOCIATION

invites applications for the following positions for the 1982 season:

DIRECTOR OF COACHING

REPRESENTATIVE TEAM COACHES

U11, U12, U13, U14, U15, U16

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Applications closing 14.8.81 should include details of qualifications and experience.

PSL YOUTH LEAGUE

In a weekend of upsets, A.I.S. leap frogged to the top of the table with a superior goalscoring record (64) than close rivals Leichhardt (47), both teams being equal on points and goal difference. However, the Leichhardt side has four games in hand.

The A.I.S. boys found the net eight times over the weekend to secure them four points from their matches against Newcastle and Marconi.

At Marconi Oval the A.I.S. boys overwhelmed the other title aspirants Marconi. Marconi opened the scoring through Paul Scheinflug, but A.I.S. equalised with a magnificent 20-metre volley by Anthony Welbourn from a headed clearance after a corner kick, to send the sides in level at half-time.

However the Shoulder 'babes' added further goals in the second half through Angelo Ambrosino and Oscar Crino who was later replaced in the 86th minute by the maestro himself, Jimmy Shoulder.

At the Sydney Athletic Field the young Slickers laboured their way to a 2-1 win over the lowly Blacktown 'Imps'. Although dominating for most of the match the Slickers failed to create many chances in front of goal, but when they did goalkeeper Hoare was equal to the occasion.

However, the Slickers did find the net twice in the first half through well-taken goals by Peter Vale and Graeme Fletcher to lead 2-0 at half-time. In the second half the "Imps" pulled one back when Steve Pollard glanced a Carlos Ortega cross inside the far post. Best for Slickers was Eddie Tessoro and best for the Young Demons were David Taylor and David Pruss.

Newcastle travelled to the Capital at the weekend for games against A.I.S on Saturday and the young Arrows on Sunday. Their trip was only 50 per cent successful going down to A.I.S. 2-4 but bouncing back with a strong 2-0 victory over Canberra 2-0 with both their goals in this game coming from goalkeeper Clint Gosling, converted to striker for the day.

The upset of the round occurred at Pratten Park where the home side ran out narrow winners over competition leaders Leichhardt 2-1. Neither side really dominated greatly with the young Strikers pushing the ball about outside the Olympians penalty area without doing much on the positive side inside the area. Whenever they did create any chances Olympians keeper Lucky Konsistis was on hand to deny them.

Both sides struck the woodwork during the game but Olympians came out on top in the goalscoring department with a goal in each half from Chris Townson, while John McKie replied in the first half with a scrambled goal after a corner kick. Best for Olympians: Chris Townson, Michael Kelly and keeper Lucky Konsistis, who was replaced by Gary Meier in the 86th minute after receiving a kick in the head.

NEXT WEEK'S MATCHES:
WED, AUG. 5: Leichhardt v Blacktown 6 pm Marconi Oval
SUN, AUG. 9: Blacktown v Canberra 12.30 pm Gabbie Stad
Newcastle v Sydney City 12 noon Int. SC
Leichhardt v Marconi 12.45 pm Lambert Park
Wollongong v Olympians 12.45 pm W'gong Showground

— PETER RUSSELL

RESULTS:
SAT, AUG. 1: A.I.S. McLaughlin 2, Wright, Faraone (AIS). NEWCASTLE 4-2 (1-0 HT) Lowe, Kerby (N).
SUN, AUG. 2: SYDNEY CITY Vale, Fletcher (SC). BLACKTOWN 2-1 (2-O HT) Pollard (B). OLYMPIANS Townson 2 (0) LEICHHARDT 2-1 (1-1 HT) McKie (L). MARCONI Scheinflug (M) A.I.S. Welbourn 2, Ambrozino, Crino (AIS). CANBERRA NEWCASTLE 0-2 (0-1 HT), Gosling 2 (N).

LEADING SCORERS:
19 — Michael McLaughlan (A.I.S.)
17 — Paul Scheinflug (Marconi)
14 — Danny Wright (A.I.S.)
13 — Alf Stamp (Newcastle)
12 — Grant Lee (Sydney City)
11 — Graeme Fletcher (Sydney City)
10 — John Bradley (Leichhardt)
9 — John Kelly (Marconi), Robert De Ciglie (Leich)

1. A.I.S.	23	13	3	7	64	40	29
2. LEICHHARDT	19	13	4	3	47	23	29
3. MARCONI	20	12	4	4	50	22	28
4. NEWCASTLE	20	9	7	4	38	33	25
5. SYDNEY CITY	20	8	7	5	50	28	23
6. OLYMPIANS	20	7	6	7	29	24	20
7. WOLLONGONG	21	7	2	12	24	47	16
8. BLACKTOWN	18	2	3	14	23	48	7
9. CANBERRA	18	1	1	16	13	73	3

2SM CUP SEMI-FINALS

The 2SM under 15 Schools Soccer Cup semi-finals will be played at Englefield Stadium, Jenner Rd., Dural (adjacent to West Pennant Hills) on Wednesday night.

This year's contestants are Model Farms and Homebush Boys High, who meet at 7.00 p.m., and James Cook and Davidson, whose match is at 8.30 p.m.

Entry to the stadium is free, and 2SM public relations officer Joann Morand is looking to see a big crowd in attendance.

The big Cup final night has been set for Wednesday August 19 at the same ground, with the play-off for third place providing the early game.

GET YOUR ENTRIES IN

Some very fine entries have come from all sectors of the junior game this year. They are under consideration for the valuable prizes donated by Serdeton Plastics. Has your club or team an entry? Send it in to us. The competition represents a genuine effort to increase the standard of Soccer clubs news.

NEEDLESS SETBACK FOR METROP WEST SCHOOLS

When Metropolitan West B were drawn in Pool B of the NSW Primary Schools 10 years Inter-Regional Championships the sun was certainly shining.

But, before the kick-off in the series their coach Peter Dawson was advised that the team could only compete on a no-points basis to make up the numbers.

The boys were not told of this unfortunate late decision and they proved their mettle by going out and defeating Central Metropolitan, St George and North Sydney regions. They lost only to Liverpool.

Had they been permitted, they would have been in the play-offs and could not have done worst than a creditable fourth in the competition.

The situation left 13 broken-hearted kids, but ASW has tried to remedy some of the damage by including their photo and names in our pages.

The confusion needs to be sorted out so that no team is placed in that position again.

The primary schools decision is in direct contrast to the position that applied in the High Schools Inter-Regionals on the South Coast.

In that case South Coast B was admitted to even up the competition and played for points.

It could be argued that the competition is only for Regional representative teams.

But surely to preserve the continuity of matches, one Region and particularly the hosts could supply a B team playing for points where a gap exists.

It would provide better competition for all participants, and in no way could it bring PSSA sports or the world to a premature end.

NSW METROPOLITAN "B" TEAM

BACK ROW (L to R): Jason Jones (Lethbridge Pk), Darren Rubie (Oxley Pk), Shane Madill (Werrongton), Eddy Alilovic (Oxley Pk), Rodney Chadwick (Beresford Rd), Julian McClarnan (Leonay), Coach Mr Peter Dawson (Carlingford West).

FRONT ROW: Steve Badrov (Colyton), Peter Vezos (Jasper Rd), Brad Phillips (Excelsior), Terry Ide (Murray Farm), Carl Ringhoff (Greystanes), Bob Casserly (Kurmond), Stuart Piper (Bennet Rd).

SYDNEY JUNIOR CLUBS RUSH WYC TICKETS

By Keith Gilmour

Sydney junior Soccer clubs have already bought more than $60,000 worth of tickets for the FIFA/-Coca-Cola World Youth Championship matches.

An excellent response, considering that the start of the tournament is still two months away.

Purchases of tickets have ranged up to $3,000 for a single club, with Bankstown and Ku-ring-gai district clubs the leaders.

Ku-ring-gai reproduced the ticket order form in their Association magazine so that every player received one.

The 86 Sydney clubs whose applications have been tallied so far have averaged a purchase of $700 worth of seats.

Already 1,000 seats have been booked by the clubs for the Australia-England clash — a floodlit match at Sydney Cricket Ground on Thursday October 8.

Sales commence through agencies next Monday.

Promotional events are coming on stream. "Spot the Kickaburra" is under way with a mammoth $152,000 in prizes, and TAA will be chiming in with their transport/accommodation/ticket packages.

Channel 0/28 will soon be involved as well.

The best booking from a national group has come from the Argentinians, whose Sydney representative Alfredo Remedios has arranged for flags and mementos as well.

Insufficient material has come from journalists in competing countries.

Peter Bent, the director of Coca-Cola sports programs, is pushing for information on overseas players.

"Coaches do not have to nominate their first squad of 30 until August 15," explained ASF Tournament Director Brian Emery.

Unless Peter Bent gets immediate action from the advanced countries competing he would be well advised to request his overseas offices to sack the jouranlists they have engaged.

They should be immediately replaced with new men who can at least speculate on the likely leading players in the national youth teams involved.

In Australia it is obvious that David Mitchell, Ian Hunter, Robert Wheatley, Peter Raskopoulos, Glen Ahearn and Steve Blair are amongst the likely first choices.

Other nations must also know which leading players will be picked.

JIM HERMISTON'S COACHING HINTS

Jim Hermiston, one of Australia's outstanding Soccer players, has supplied AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY with a series of illustrated coaching hints.

Hermiston plays with Brisbane Lions in the Philips League but before migrating to Australia, he was a distinguished player in his native Scotland.

He was included in Scotland's original squad for the 1974 World Cup finals in West Germany and was unlucky not to be in the final 22 which travelled to Germany.

If you want to buy Jim Hermiston's Soccerskills in book form, it is available from:—

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with JIM HERMISTON

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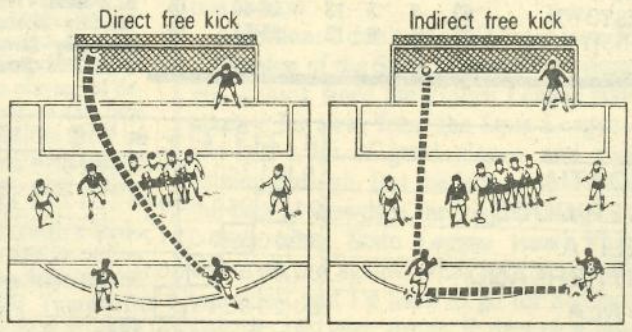

In the case of an indirect free kick a goal cannot be scored unless the ball is played or touched by another player. Indirect free kicks can be awarded inside or outside the penalty area.

With either direct or indirect free kicks the ball must be stationary when played. Opposing players must stand at least 10 metres from the ball.

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SPOTLIGHT ON STATES

TABLE

CROATIA	23	20	3	0	69-16	43
ST GEORGE	23	20	2	1	82-14	41
MELITA EAGLES	23	15	5	3	50-17	35
SUTHERLAND	23	11	6	6	30-19	28
POLONIA	23	10	6	7	30-32	26
INTER MONARO	23	8	6	9	34-43	22
MANLY	23	7	5	11	29-30	19
RIVERWOOD	22	8	3	11	27-40	19
CANTERBURY	23	6	6	11	32-47	18
NORTH SYDNEY	23	5	5	13	26-48	15
AVALA	22	5	4	13	26-50	14
AUBURN	22	6	2	14	18-42	14
PARRAMATTA	23	5	3	15	20-54	13
BANKSTOWN	22	4	2	16	25-49	10

TOP SCORERS

33. Marton (SG)
23. M.Silva (Cr.)
17. Farrugia(ME)
13. Heywood(IM),Hensman(Cr.)
12. M.Barton(SG),Allan(ME),Brown(CM)
9. J.Morsello(NS)

NEXT GAMES

Thursday, 6 Aug.81:
Riverwood v Bankstown — Seymour Shaw Park
(Kick-off 8.15 pm)

Saturday, 8 Aug. 81:
Avala - Auburn — Knight Park
Polonia - Sutherland — Chopin Park
St George -Riverwood — Barton Park

Sunday, 9 Aug. 81:
Monaro - Croatia — Marco Polo
Canterbury - Melita — Arlington Oval
Auburn - Avala — Mona Park
North Sydney - Manly — N.Sydney Oval
Bankstown - Parramatta — Soccer Centre

"BEAUTIFUL SOCCER"

CROATIA — ST GEORGE 3-0

M.Silva 3

By Brad Earl

Tom Steven and Marijan Kovacic laid the groundwork for Croatia's victory over St George; opportunist striker Marcos Silva scored two very good goals on the way to a hat-trick, and the defence worked their hearts out to protect a 3-0 lead.

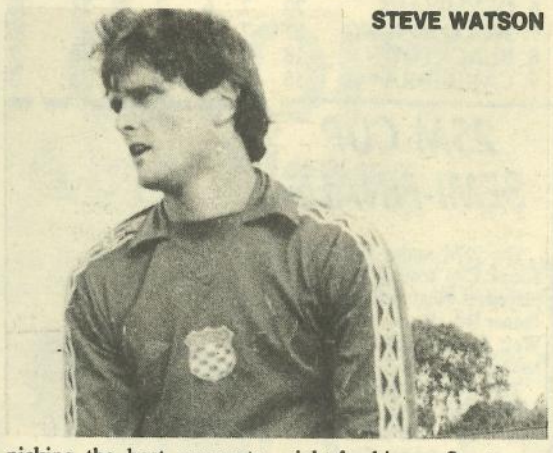
As the Croatian supporters carried their heroes off the field after the match — a great advertisement for Soccer — one couldn't help feeling sorry for the St George players as they trudged off.

This year's State League must surely be the most extraordinary League ever in Australia. A team that has done what St George has done all year, may then get pipped at the post by the team that has lived in its shadow all season.

The match — an exciting, colourful match full of the tension the position of the teams demanded — was the old tale of two halves.

Croatia played some excellent stuff in the first half and St George were never in the game. In fact they never got close to the Croatian goal.

But in the second half, the Saints came out and attacked, only to come up against a stout defence and goalkeeper Steve Watson picking the best moments to excel.



STEVE WATSON

In the eighth minute of the game, Tom Steven put Peter Hensman through, who "scored", but he was clearly in an offside position.

That whetted the appetite of the 9,750 supporters. The St George defence were having trouble keeping tabs on the Croatians, and on more than one occasion goalkeeper Mike Fraser had to come well out of his area to clear the ball, doing particularly well to get the ball away from Marcos Silva in the 11th minute in a one-on-one situation.

Silva played a big hand in the first goal in the 35th minute. The Saints defence had moved forward, but the ball bounced wickedly off one defender straight to Silva, who played it well into the path of winger Hensman. Hensman went to the by-line, cut it back into the goalmouth, and Silva had moved forward to score

Six minutes later, Croatia were still pressuring, and Nelio Borges, the attacking midfielder, accepted the ball from a throw-in on the left and cut incisively through towards the penalty area, where he unselfishly gave it to Marcos Silva to unleash a smart shot. The question was, why didn't the defence pick them up?

The second half started with St George on the attack. In the very first minute of the half, Croatia defender Kevin Coleman turned the ball onto the post in a rare moment of indecision in the defence.

In the 63rd minute, Saints striker Ernie Campbell hit a low, curling shot that produced the save of the match from Watson, who got down well to turn it past the post.

Two minutes later, overlapping full-back Peter Terry crossed to the far side of the penalty area, where Dez Marton headed back across the goal. As the ball passed Watson, it looked like St George were going to peg one back, but the ball rebounded off the far post.

So many times this year Marton has scored in that position, but nothing went right for him on Sunday.

In the 72nd minute, Terry took a shot from the 18-yard line, which Watson got a touch to, to direct the ball over the bar.

Six minutes later, both teams made a change — Barry Walker for Villy Kanacki for St George, and Croatia sending Brian Parker on for the bustling Hensman, who was unlucky not to get on the score-sheet when his 61st minute shot skimmed wide of the far post.

Parker played an integral part in Croatia's final goal. He crossed in from wide on the right, keeper Fraser got to the ball, but failed to hold it and, before he could scramble to it in front of goal, Marcos Silva had got to it.

Despite St George's determined second half, Croatia were worthy winners. They were held together well by Tom Steven and Marijan Kovacic in midfield: a top combination of hard work and skill. These two outshone the St George midfielders, who required more space than they were given.

Croatia's defence was also more impressive, with the foursome (Coleman, Bruno Vidaic, Alex Kovacic and Bob Pagano) doing a sterling job.

For St George, Ernie Campbell and Dennis Duarte did a lot of work, with the midfielders Mark Barton, Peter Stone and John Davies showing up occasionally.

Croatia coach, Dom Kapitanovic, was delighted with the show. "I am very happy. It was a very good win, and congratulations to the players of Croatia and St George for beautiful Soccer," he said.

Frank Arok, St George's coach, said: "It's a sad story. They penalised our mistakes for all goals, which were good movements except for the third. There are no excuses.

"We hit the woodwork twice, and we made their goalkeeper look good — that's what we've been doing lately. We outplayed them in the second half.

"Their most outstanding player was definitely Tom Steven. Marcos Silva did what he had to do.

"That's part of the game — you have to win, and some you have to lose. It's definitely not the end of the world. That's Soccer," Arok said.

CROATIA: Watson, A.Kovacic, Pagano, Vidaic, Coleman, M.Kovacic, Steven, Borges, H.Silva, M.Silva, Hensman (Parker 78).

ST GEORGE: Fraser, Duarte, Terry, McDonald, Rylands, Barton, Davies, Stone, Kanacki (Walker), Campbell, Marton.

REFEREE: Doug Rennie (excellent).

Crowd: 9,750.

MANLY — POLONIA 0-0

Manly and Polonia played lifeless Soccer in this deferred match, which looked like little more than a training run for both sides.

The game was limited mainly to the midfield area. Manly had more of the play and were more impressive, but failed to break through a Polonia rear-guard held together efficiently by Ricky Budini and Tony Galas, and supported very well by goalkeeper Ziggy Kalinowski.

Polonia's forwards made some good moves, but didn't extend Manly's defence, with Bruce Doyle and Keith Falconer strong for the Seasiders.

PARRAMATTA — MANLY 0-3

Regan 2, Jack

Manly played below par but still managed to record a 3-0 win against Parramatta.

Striker Stuart Regan scored the first and third goals, with midfielder David Jack capping a fine game with the second goal.

Full-back Glen Fairclough excelled for Parramatta, who had Scott Mitchell sent off for alleged violent conduct

"Parramatta played quite well," said Manly coach Mick Jones. "The score slightly flattered us.

"It was a little spiteful, and there were a hell of a lot mistakes. We were below form, and slightly jaded after the Polonia game on Saturday."

BANKSTOWN — MONARO 2-1

Nocera, Beater — Charles

Bankstown promised they'd beat Monaro after their narrow loss to St George, and that's exactly what they did — to the tune of 2-1.

Forward Johnny Nocera opened the scoring with a low flying header after a neat one-two down the right.

Monaro's Aldo Charles equalised almost immediately with a good drive from outside the box, but 10 minutes from the end John Beater was on the spot to head home the Town's winner.

AVALA — NORTH SYDNEY 4-0

Ruiz 2, Pearson, Samuels

After their 0-5 debacle against Manly, Avala played much better to defeat an injury-depleted North Sydney.

Mick Dale, Bob McGinn, Jay O'Rourke, Alan Gibson, Alex Bottalico, Vic Lilli — those were the main players missing from North Sydney, and the young players who took the field lacked experience and penetration.

Midfielder Neil Pearson scored after only five minutes for Avala to put them one goal ahead at half-time. The other goals came from Mark Samuels and the final two from Eddie Ruiz, the fourth from the penalty spot.

Goalkeeper Paul Katsavedis, defenders Greg Matheson and Robbie Rettore and midfielder Brett Mitchell were best for North Sydney.

SUTHERLAND — AUBURN 0-0

Auburn almost snatched a win near the end of this match, but none of their players could get a foot to the ball as it skidded across the face of the goal.

In a good match, Sutherland had a lot more of the play, but Auburn defended well.

Full-back Mitch Hesford, midfielder Steve Meades and forward Peter Beggs did well for the Sharks, although Beggs was tightly marked.

Centre-back Wayne Bates and right-back Darren McInerney were Auburn's best, although the other defenders also turned in good performances.

Striker Rod Brown, who has been out with illness all week, came on as substitute in the last half hour and was very effective.

John McDonald received a yellow card — his fourth — which means he'll have to serve the first suspension of his career.

NSW DIVISION 1: WOLLONGONG - YUGAL 1-4

Wollongong Utd has dropped out of the premiership race following their 1-4 defeat at the hands of Yugal, leaving Kuringai and Yugal as the only contenders for the title.

Results of round 23:

Fairy Meadow - Penrith	3-0
N.Bankstown - Kuringai	2-3
Uni of NSW - Belmore	1-1
Bathurst - Guildford	0-1
Revesby - Gladesville	1-1
Wollongong - Yugal	1-4
Blacktown Utd - Warringah	5-2

KURINGAI	23	15	5	3	44-17	35
YUGAL	23	15	5	3	52-26	35
WOLLONGONG	23	14	4	5	49-18	32
FAIRY MEADOW	23	13	6	4	46-22	32
BLACKTOWN UTD	23	13	5	5	39-19	31
BATHURST	23	8	6	9	25-33	22
WARRINGAH	23	5	9	9	42-49	19
GUILDFORD	24	5	8	11	20-36	18
GLADESVILLE	24	4	9	11	20-37	17
PENRITH	22	5	7	10	23-39	17
BELMORE	22	3	10	9	17-39	16
REVESBY	22	5	5	12	30-42	15
N.BANKSTOWN	23	5	5	13	26-40	15
UNI OF NSW	22	4	6	12	25-51	14

NSW DIVISION 2:

Hornsby - L.Cove	1-3
N.Ryde - Baulkham H.	1-0
Bonnyrigg - Mt Druitt	0-3
Dee Why - Riverstone	3-0
Dee Why - L'pool Alb	3-0
Riverstone - Queens Pk	1-1
C'belltown - Rockdale	1-1

NSW DIVISION 3:

Bondi - Artarmon	4-0
W.Ryde - Kingsford	1-4
Paddington - P.Hacking	0-0
Padstow - Wenty W.	1-1
Hurstville - Syd Uni	2-1
Eastern Ck - Fairfield K.	1-1

NSW DIVISION 4:

Maroubra - Eastwood	3-5
Concordia - W.St George	1-1
W.Holroyd - Canley H.	5-0
Revesby - Winston Hills	0-3
Ryde Dist - Chelsea	2-3
Nth Rocks - Fairfield	0-4
Revesby - Canley H.	0-3

NSW DIVISION 5:

Maccabi - Haberfield	2-2
Hawkesbury - Camden	2-1
Chullora - Edensor	0-4
Pagewood - Macquarie	2-1
Glenquarie - Moorebank	1-0
Auburn J. - Green V.	1-1

NSW DIVISION 6:

Parra. Utd - Wanderers	1-6
Liv.Rangers - Hajduk	0-5
Bl.Workers - Transadinos	2-6
Liv.City - Robins	1-1
S.Sydney - Liverpool Utd	1-1
Colo Colo - Banks.Spts	3-2

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SPOTLIGHT ON STATES

WATKISS BLASTS LACK OF COMMITMENT

RIVERWOOD — SUTHERLAND 1-1

McRorie **Beggs**

By Brad Earl

Sutherland coach, John Watkiss, sounded off about his side's lack of commitment after they drew 1-1 with Riverwood last Wednesday night.

After a lean patch over recent weeks, injury-depleted Riverwood were very much the equal of the full-strength Sutherland side.

Riverwood had several good openings in front of goal, particularly on three occasions in the first half when players broke away from a Sutherland defence caught square and slow to react.

The first two efforts were well stopped by goalkeeper Mal Haynes; the third made it past his reliable hands and into the net.

After 17 minutes centre-back Steve Blackburn broke through. Another defender, Alan O'Donovan, did the same thing in the 26th minute, but both times they failed to get past Haynes.

The third move came five minutes later. Forward Gavin Landon had the ball on the left and, with a man out wide calling for the ball, passed it across to Jim McRorie.

McRorie accelerated well and took the ball past the defence and shot well to score for Riverwood.

That goal kept them ahead until 20 minutes after the break. They had looked on top of Sutherland in the first half, but increasing tiredness and lack of concentration allowed the Sharks back into the game in the second half.

Peter Beggs, playing with much more fire since rejoining Sutherland after a one and a half year stint at St George, scored the equaliser.

Big Mal Haynes booted the ball way up the field and Beggs caught it before the defence even saw it, and he made it look easy by getting in close to the goal and scooping it into the net.

Beggs was ever dangerous in the second half, while fellow forward Paul Bush and midfielder Nige Groome made some good moves. Goalkeeper Haynes and sweeper Vic Dalforno turned in good performances.

For Riverwood, young attacking midfielder Ian Rydstrand was particularly impressive. Jim McRorie had a good first half, but faded in the second half, and the inexperienced defence of Clive Beardow (a usual midfielder playing at right-back in his second first grade match), Steve Blackburn and Peter Butcher (central defence) and Alan O'Donovan (left-back) was reliable.

I asked John Watkiss, in charge of Sutherland, if he was disappointed at dropping the point.

"Very disappointed. Extremely disappointed," he said. "We're having a bad spell at the moment. We're not committing well enough and we haven't got control of the middle of the park.

"Far too many players are hiding. Players in the first team think they have a monopoly on positions, and that all they have to do is go through the motions.

"Some have a bit of ability, but they're not using it. They're tending to let the younger players do the running, and consequently the young players are struggling," Watkiss said.

"We rely very heavily on our midfield to score goals, but there's not enough imagination, and we're not creating the openings we should be creating. And the marking was so open.

"We're playing standing football. That's okay for the Brazilians — they have the skill.

"I think we have to start all over again with the basics," an angry Watkiss commented

Riverwood's young team had obviously pleased coach Atti Abonyi, despite only getting one point.

"We really deserved a lot more," Abonyi said.

"It was a stupid goal against us. The lads deserved more. We were pushing forward, we were very aggressive getting to the ball, and we created a lot of chances.

"Anyway, we got something today. Though it's late in the season, we have to carry on from here."

Riverwood have been burdened by several injuries recently, particularly in the last six weeks. The list includes:

- striker Alan Fisher — broken bone in foot — out till the end of the season.
- midfielder John Lee — groin injury.
- full-back Dave Martin — knee injury.
- full-back Phil Mikas — knee ligaments.
- young full-back Brett Higgins — groin injury.
- defender George Harris has been out all year with a broken leg.

Riverwood coach Atti Abonyi, requires all his injured players to turn up at all matches, in a typical professional attitude.

George Harris said he had his first run last Wednesday evening and his leg has improved a lot since he's been seeing a physiotherapist for four weeks.

MELITA — POLONIA 1-1

Berry **A. Budini**

Missed chances were the order of the day when Polonia won a vital point from Melita in a 1-1 draw.

Melita could have been two up within the first minute of the match. Forward Terry Jones hit the goalkeeper, Ziggy Kalincwski, with his shot, and then a Polonia player miskicked while trying to clear and Kalincwski had to make a brilliant save.

Both goals came in the second half — Melita's from a penalty taken by Mike Berry, as regular penalty-taker Ray Farrugia was serving a one-mach suspension.

The penalty was awarded after Wojtek Nowak had collided with a Melita player. Nowak, who had come on as substitute for Ricky Budini (who was feeling the affects of an injury), said something, was given a yellow card by referee Tim Davies, but he allegedly grabbed at the card and was then given his marching orders.

Polonia equalised when Melita centre-back Tony Loxley went up for the ball but missed it, and nippy forward Anito Budini was on the spot to score.

Polonia were well-served once again by Kalincwski, centre-back Ricky Budini and sweeper Tony Galas, as well as Ziggy Garlowski, who was effective when Polonia were coming forward.

John Stoddart was the pick of the Melita side and an integral member of an effective midfield that also included Berry and Vernon Darvill. Defender Greg McCoy also had a good match, but coach Vic Dalgleish laments the fact that they can t put the ball in the back of the net.

Dalgleish reintroduced Mark Ross for this match, and the young forward, playing on the right side of the front-line, missed a sitter in the second half.

RIVERWOOD — CANTERBURY 2-1

Landon, McRorie **Barton**

Riverwood winger Gavin Landon set the scene for an entertaining match when he scored after only two minutes.

Canterbury equalised very quickly after half-time, when Mark Barton came forward and finished off a free-kick from the left.

Both teams pushed forward searching for the winner, and it came to Riverwod 10 minutes from the end when Jim McRorie hit a fantastic first-time volley from just outside the penalty area.

McRorie's goal was his third in only four full first grade games.

The goalkeepers, Alex McPherson of Canterbury and Riverwood's Ron Gisbourne, were kept busy in an end-to-end match. Andy Tracey had another good game for Riverwood, and Ross Brown tried hard for the Berries.

Northern NSW

Ian Smith

Referee, John Tattersall, was the centre of controversy last weekend.

In Adamstown's match against Weston, the match was only 30 seconds old when John Maquarrie tackled David Stoker. "Tweet" went the whistle, out came the red card, and off went Maquarrie.

Just one month ago Maquarrie broke a Tamworth player's leg in a match where Tattersall was a linesman.

The youthful Adamstown players certainly never let themselves get overawed. Their teamwork was excellent and they gave as much as they got until just on half-time when Ian Johns hit a shot that Ossie Bellamy could only palm onto the crossbar.

Had he scored, the Rosebuds might have done wonders but the second half saw the slow wearing down of the home team as Gemmell, Bull and Andy Johns started to create gaps yet it was left to defender, Ian Bannon, to convert a cross with a mis-hit six-metre volley that bounced twice before creeping in at the right upright.

Next to score was Jeff Morton after Andy Johns had crossed a free kick from what amounted to a short corner position. Morton's header floated over goalkeeper, Jenkins, who must bear some responsibility for lack of commitment as also appeared to happen when, five minutes from the end, Tony Bull headed home the third from close range, again from a cross on the right.

Stewarts and Lloyds maintained their pressure on the Bears, and, indeed, may even lead the competition by this weekend when the result of their deferred fixture against Wallsend is decided on Wednesday.

Having beaten Wallsend 2-1 last weekend, they must be favoured for the return bout.

With both Tamworth and Twin Towns winning over Armidale and Belmont Swansea respectively, the top four now seems to be settled with most teams having only two matches to play.

Coffs Harbour put paid to any hopes Lake Macquarie may have had as they pushed three goals past them in a continuation of their improving form which augurs well for next year.

The match of the round this weekend will undoubtedly be Stewarts and Lloyds against Adamstown and Stewarts and Lloyds can expect a particularly difficult game as Adamstown now have no pressure on them while the home side have everything at stake.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Weston	15	12	1	2	43	15	25
Stewarts & Lloyds	15	11	2	2	40	13	24
Tamworth	16	10	2	4	28	19	22
Twin Towns	15	8	4	3	22	17	20
Adamstown	16	7	3	6	33	25	17
Lake Macquarie	16	8	1	7	26	25	17
Coffs Harbour	16	5	3	8	25	27	13
Wallsend	14	4	2	8	14	21	10
Belmont Swansea	16	3	—	13	20	35	6
Armidale	15	—	—	15	7	60	0

The only other question which really needs clarification is the exact finishing order of the top four teams and with the playing of deferred fixtures in the final two rounds in the space of the next two weeks there will be much goal difference counting.

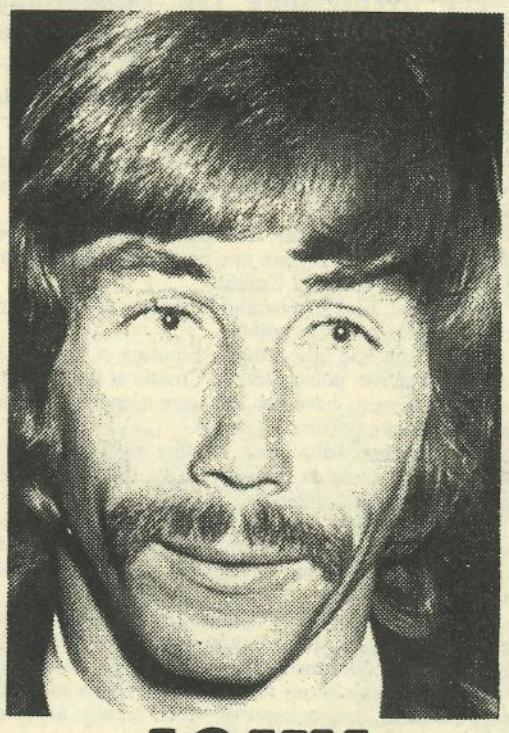
But at this stage it looks like Weston are favourites narrowly from Stewarts and Lloyds while Tamworth could just squeeze in third spot.

Saturday, August 8: Stewarts and Lloyds v Adamstown.

Sunday, August 9: Armidale v Belmont Swansea, Twin Towns v Wallsend, Weston v Coffs Harbour, Lake Macquarie v Tamworth.

NSW STATE LEAGUE STARS IN PROFILE

WITH BRAD EARL



JOHN McDONALD

AUBURN

Position: Midfield basically, although I have filled in at left-back.

Birthplace: Scotland.

Date of birth: June 16th, 1946.

Nationality: Australian citizenship.

Occupation: Bricklayer.

Married: Yes.

Children: Three kids.

Career background: I played senior Soccer in Scotland, with Raith Rovers for four seasons and Montrose for two seasons. I came to Australia with Auburn in 1970. I had four seasons with Auburn, then St George for one, Sutherland for three and back with Auburn for the last four years.

Honours: One full international for Australia, two matches for New South Wales, and winning the Rothmans Medal twice.

Biggest thrill in the game: Probably winning the Rothmans Medal, as far as achieving goes. Back home in Scotland, my biggest thrill was winning promotion to the First Division.

Making the Australian team was probably the biggest thing — it would have been even bigger if I was an Australian kid, though.

Biggest disappointment: Making the semi-finals last year but getting beaten in a replay against Canterbury. Plus building up a nice little squad last year and losing so many players in the close-season. Also being so far down the table this season.

Ambition: I don't think I've got time for any!

Opinion of the State League: Very disappointing. I think since the Philips League started it s taken a lot away from the State League. There are still a lot of good players and good kids coming through. But the lack of atmosphere and the lack of crowds is the biggest thing.

Best other State League team: This year, we ve played against what are the so-called two top sides, and I'd have to go for St George. St George are very strong if they re a couple of goals up, but not invincible, while Croatia were lucky to beat us twice.

Best State League players: John Davies of St George and Johnny Stoddart of Melita.

Will you stay in the game when you've finished playing, and in what capacity: I'm involved in coaching and I ll keep involved with the kids. First grade doesn't interest me though.

SPOTLIGHT ON STATES

Victoria

Greg Blake

The irrepressible Ian Loughnane, Croydon City's free-scoring striker, scored his fifth goal in two matches as City put a big question mark against Doveton's final four hopes.

Doveton, after losing their first match for the season last week, crashed 1-4 at home to a Croydon side well and truly over a mid-year slump.

George Cross, however, forfeited their chance to overtake the Doves and remain one point out in fourth place following a 1-0 defeat at Croatia.

Pat Bannon, back in a midfield role, scored his first goal for Croatia to snare the points.

Green Gully had little trouble disposing of Hakoah 3-1 to keep them two points clear of Croatia at the top of the table. The Greens have not lost since round 10 and have taken 13 from a possible 14 points.

The relegation battle took another twist as Sunshine went down at home to Frankston City, the loss dropping Sunshine into a miserable ninth place.

The Shiners new coach, Dave O Conner, was disappointed after the match and talk at the club on Saturday night was of wholesale changes to the team to meet Northcote next week.

Ringwood took until 15 minutes from time before they scored the only goal of the match against Juventus and in the other vital relegation match Altona went down 0-2 at Northcote. That is surely relegation for Altona and at this stage Juventus, despite improved form recently, are favourites to take the drop with them.

But the whole round belonged, once again, to Croydon's Loughnane brothers who, along with skipper Steve McCombe, masterminded Croydon's 4-1 thrashing of Doveton.

In a cracking first half Croydon smashed three goals-two from Ian Loughnane-past the Doves and on that form will be hard to beat for the remainder of the season.

The Doves began to show some of their old endeavour after the break but a delightful chip shot which gave Ian his hat-trick cancelled out Paul Corke's early second half effort for Doveton.

But Croydon, despite their 4-1 victory, will find it difficult to pick up the four points they trail Ajax with and only five matches remaining.

George Cross conceded a goal and a place in the top four in the first 110 minutes of their match against Croatia.

The match was surprisingly close throughout and had Georgie not let their offside trap fail to snare Pat Bannon, who scored the oly goal of the game, they could have overtaken Doveton in the four. Fourth position could hinge on the final day of the season when Georgie and Doveton meet. Sunshine-top four prospects at the halfway mark of the season — could match the sparkle of their first up win last week under new coach Dave O'Conner for only 20 minutes - at home to Frankston on Saturday.

They spurned a couple of chances after which "they didn t seem to want to win.', said a Sunshine official.

Bill Buchanon headed Frankston into a half-time 1-0 lead and Bobby Adams increased that to 2-0 before Rob Nelson pulled back Sunshine's token effort 12 minutes from time.

A clear-out of players who are "just not putting in" can be expected at the end of the season.

"Unlucky" Ringwood finally received a share when they scored a quarter of an hour from time to pull two points clear of the relegation zone. Ringwood, praised by many as unworthy of their lowly league place, should have won by a couple more against Juventus.

Big Gus McLeod hammered in two more goals as Green Gully easilly beat Hakoah and Northcote sounded Altona s death knell with a 2-0 victory. Polonia Maribyrnong confirmed promotion to the State League next year. with a 3-2 win at Moreland in 1str Division on Sunday.

STATE LEAGUE SCORES:

Sunshine City 1 (R. Nelson) — Frankston City 2 (Buchanon, Adams) HT 0-1, Doveton 1 (Corke) — Croydon City 4 (I. Loughnane 3, Hobson) HT 0-3, George Cross 0 — Essendon Croatia 1 (Bannon) HT 0-1, Hakoah St Kilda 1 (Rooney) — Green Gully Ajax 3 (McLeod 2, Greechan) HT 1-1, Northcote City 2 (Moulis, Sahinidis) — Altona City 0. HT 1-0, Ringwood City 1 (Greener) — Juventus 0. HT 0-0.

STATE LEAGUE TOP SCORERS:

16-1. Loughnane (Croy), 14-McLeod (GG), 13-Egan (Frank), 10-Toal (GC), Mitten (Ess.), 9-Pate (Suns.), French (Hak), Sahinidis (North), Inness (Alt.), 8-Greechan (GG), 7-Sinclair (Ring).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Green Gully	17	12	2	3	35	9	26
Essendon	17	9	6	2	29	13	24
Croydon	17	8	6	3	32	19	22
Doveton	17	4	11	2	20	19	19
George Cross	17	8	2	7	25	18	18
Hakoah	17	5	7	5	21	27	17
Northcote	17	6	4	7	27	38	16
Frankston	17	6	3	8	24	25	15
Sunshine	17	6	3	8	26	28	15
Ringwood	17	5	3	9	23	33	13
Juventus	17	4	3	10	14	29	11
Altona	17	2	4	11	18	36	8

ROUND 18 PREVIEW

What a comedown this week's Victorian State fixture list is. Last week, round 17, was full of intrigue and almost any one of the six matches could have finished in favour of either of the participating sides.

In a "sorting the men from the boys" round last week the top six sides all met to either establish themselves as championship or top four prospects or lose ground at a crucial stage of the season.

The other three matches saw the bottom six sides with a chance to enhance their survival chances at the expense of rivals.

In direct contrast we find five almost clear-cut games featuring in round 18. Hakoah, for what it's worth to them, are considered by many to be potentially the third best side in the league behind Ajax and Croatia.

Egnigmatic is hardly the word to explain a side who fail to produce regularly in what could hardly be termed a good standard State League this season — with a line-up consisting of some tremendous talent.

Is it any wonder Hakoah have precious few supporters left on the terraces? Many are no longer with us after prematurely ageing at the sight of the Saints struggling to live up to their promise.

A good many are still with us spending their days wandering forlornly in the surrounds of the parklands of the Royal Park "special" hospital mumbling something about Altona 5 ! Hakoah have been nominated as Victoria's outstanding achievers for 1981 by the exclusive Masochists Australia Club.

Already this year Hakoah have beaten Green Gully — at Gully's home ground, had draws against Croydon and Essendon and twice have taken points against boom team Doveton.

But they've also been thrashed by Northcote and George Cross and had to suffer the humiliation of becoming the likely wooden spooners, Altona City's, first victims of the season in round 10.

They were humbled by the lowly Altona side 5-1, a result emphasising their erratic league form.

Why a side featuring players like the dynamic Graham French, dependable skipper Steve Gadsby, exciting ex-PSL star winger Chris Kent, underrated keeper Mike Fryszer, big Anton Dosen, Bill Jordanou, Stan Webster, George Hannah, Richie McClunie and other genuinly talented players cannot lift themselves above a reasonable mid-table position is beyond me. They've hovered outside the top four all season without ever really threatening the teams above.

Juventus have given notice that they don't intend forfeiting their State League status without a real fight.

Tony Boggi has really used his magic wand on a Juventus side that played almost the entire first half of the season seemingly resigned to Metropolitan League First Division football next season.

Since taking charge, and despite a lack of manpower, he has had the side producing the type of results that will give their supporters some heart.

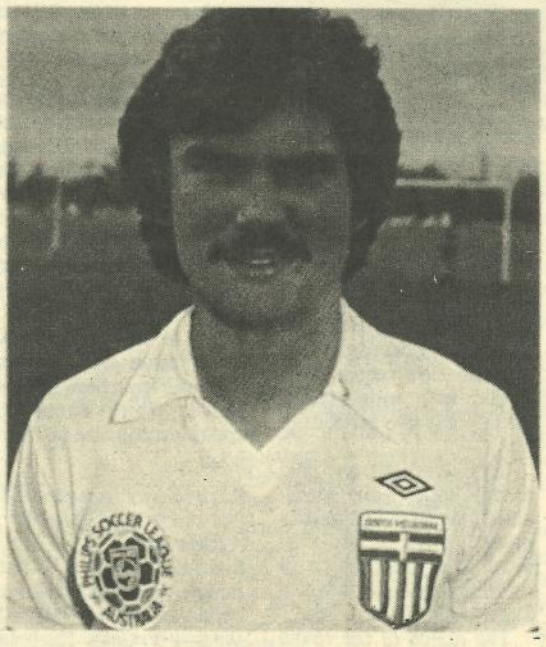
Their status as a State League side is still best described as precarious but they should snare yet another vital point by holding Hakoah on Sunday. Of the remaining five matches the most important in terms of the top sides must be the Croydon-George Cross clash.

A loss for either would put their respective top four chances in jeopardy and for Georgie, at least a defeat on Sunday and they can start planning for 1982 straight away.

But Georgie haven't grafted and fought all season to throw their already slim chances away with only three games to go.

They fight hard enough to get a point.

In other matches Sunshine will beat Northcote, Doveton will down Altona at Altona, Essendon Croatia should beat Ringwood and Green Gully should have little trouble winning away at Frankston.



GRAHAM FRENCH

VICTORIAN NEWS

By Greg Blake

From all the records available it seems almost certain that Doveton's 15 match undefeated run in their first State League season this year has created a new record.

The Doves, Victorian First Division champions last season, began their first campaign in the big league with a 1-1 home draw with fellow 1980 promotee's Ringwood City.

They followed that with a further four victories, no defeats and an incredible 11 draws before Croatia finally ended their run a fortnight ago. Their second game of the season was at Hakoah where they also drew 2-2.

But, said the critics, they'd be shown for the pretenders they were in round three when they had to venture out to St Albans for the match against the awe-inspiring might of high-flying Green Gully.

Instead they fought defiantly and stunned everyone by taking the first point of the season from Ajax in a 0-0 draw.

In the next round, away from home, Juventus felt the full potential of the little known Doveton side begin to see fruition as Juve were hammered four goals to one.

Once again in the following round everybody thought those upstarts from Doveton would get a taste of what a 'good' State League side would do to them.

But even Croatia couldn't pierce the now feared Doveton defence and the new State Leaguers, by holding them to 0-0, took a giant step toward winning acceptance as a top side to be reckoned with — after only five matches in big league.

They further bolstered their credibilty by — for the third time in six weeks — holding a top four side, this time Croydon 1-1 at Croydon Park.

Two victories, 3-2 against Altona and 1-0 at Sunshine, almost made their seemingly impossible claims for a top four berth — indeed even a championship — not out of reach.

After an inauspicious start in the Ampol Cup and their disappointing defeat to Croatia in the Dockerty Cup Semi Finals last season did little to entitle them to harbour any thoughts of anything but a year of consolidation in 1891.

Indeed I said in ASW prior to the season, after an interview with a quite genuine Doveton coach Danny McMinimee who had no pretentions of his side being capable of challenging for honours, that I felt the attitude prevailing at the club would be their biggest hurdle.

His hopes of simply surviving the first season, with a place in the top four a most unlikely proposition, have been completely laid to rest.

The Doves have come to town in a big way.

After the Sunshine match their run was extended by another seven games. 1-1 against Northcote, 1-1 at Frankston and a 1-0 home win against George Cross to round off a phenomenal first half of the season.

The run had to end sometime although by the time it happened many believed that the Doves could perform the impossible.

With the pressure increasing each week Doveton continued with draws at Ringwood and Green Gully (1-1 and 0-0) and at home against both Hakoah and Juventus (2-2 and 1-1).

By round 16 — seven games to go — almost everybody was hoping that the Doves could disprove those saying that they must lose eventually — although there was not many left like that — by doing the 'impossible' to finish their first State League year unbeaten.

But those spoilsports at Croatia ruined everything by winning their hard-fought round 16 match

Veteran keeper Lou Ivanoff played PSL with Mooroolbark in 1977 and provides a stable and steadying influence on the whole side.

Alex McConville played many years with George Cross whilst his partner in the opposite full-back position, Peter Thurlow, was only converted from a central defender this year.

Ex-Metro League man Frankston City player Ernie Merrick is the sweeper behind Paul Corke, former Box Hill star, who is now making a name for himself in the big league.

Midfielder Mike McIvor, with striker Jim McLaughlin, both made their move to the Doves before the deadling after a short-lived and totally forgettable stay with their first Australian club Footscray Eagles.

McIvor has blended well with Scot Gordon Bentley, ex-Albion Rovers (Vic.).

The trio is usually made up by Bill Willcock who apparently just turned up for a trial pre-season after his arrival at the Springvale Hostel as a migrant in February and hasn't looked back since.

For a side whose forte is certainly not goalscoring it seems strange that their four regular forwards all have, or are quickly gaining, excellant reputations.

Winger Alan Quin, formerly Sth Melbourne and Albion, is a real eye-catcher and has impressed me no end on the ocassions I've seen the team. McLaughlin from Footscray has had a fine start to his State League career despite a collar-bone injury early on and the brother of former Socceroo Sandy Irvine, Steve, was the Doves top scorer last year.

Arthur Cherrie makes up the basic first team and the form that sees him as leading club scorer this season speaks for itself.

Queensland

Wally Bruce

Ipswich United, at one stage in the running for the Queensland State League semi-finals and Ampol Cup, now are in danger of finishing the season with nothing.

Last weekend, Ipswich failed to reach their third successive Cup when they lost their semi-final in the last minute to Across The Waves.

Then last Sunday, Ipswich dropped out of the top four when beaten 3-0 by Eastern Suburbs, which makes the Tigers a certainty for a top four berth.

Bruce Rehbock gave Easts the lead before half-time and further inroads were made later by Gary Thomas and Mark Brusasco.

Grange Thistle are back into third place after beating Townsville United 2-0 in Townsville on Saturday night, with second half goals from Ross Swan and Kenny Gordon.

Thistle also are assured, like the leaders Mt Gravatt, of a semi-final position, with one round remaining, as they have a bye against Gold Coast City next weekend.

Tomorrow (Wed.) night at Perry Park, Thistle also face up for the replay of their drawn Ampol Cup semi-final against Capricornia.

The battle for fourth place in the league will now rest between Ipswich and Townsville next weekend.

Ipswich are home to Wynnum, while Townsville have to play Capricornia in Rockhampton.

In the remaining match of last weekend's round, Wynnum came from a goal down to beat Capricornia 2-1 at Perry Park.

Wayne Druery scored for Capricornia just before half-time but opportunist goals from Nigel Rehbock and Alan Collins after the break lifted the Baysiders to victory.

SCORERS: Grange Thistle 2 (Swan, Gordon) Townsville United 0; Eastern Suburbs 3 (Rehbock, Thomas, Brusasco) Ipswich United 0; Across The Waves 2 (Marcon, Bromfield), Mareeba United 1 (Watson), Wynnum 2 (Rehbock, Collins), Capricornia 1 (W. Druery).

SPOTLIGHT ON STATES

Illawarra

Phil Murphy

The Illawarra junior body is one of several Soccer organisations still waiting for their 1981 year book.

It seems the company producing the book gathered in money for advertising but there are no books.

The State body and other junior associations are in the same boat and legal proceedings have been started.

Illawarra president John Vlietstra says phone calls to the Sydney office are a waste of time, and when they drive to Sydney to talk with the company, the office is always empty.

He said his big problem is telling advertisers that his association is not selling the advertisements — they are being sold by the publishing company.

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Following in dad's footsteps . . .

Warren Baker yesterday switched from the Wollongong Wolves youth squad to play premier league with Bulli.

A talented midfield player, Warren is now with the club his father, Graham, served so well over the years.

Graham was one of the district's leading scorers over a long period and helped make up one of the strongest teams in the district.

The club's fortunes have changed for the worse but officials are confident coach Tony McDonald can get his young squad into shape to do well next season.

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Who'd be a Soccer coach?

Shoalhaven coach Dave Norwood is without key striker Andy McVeigh for three weeks because he is on holidays.

It came just when the club needed him most as they are making a strong bid for the semi-finals in their first season for premier league.

It was probably no coincidence that Shoalhaven lost 5-1 to Coniston in a vital game when McVeigh was away.

Shoalhaven had done a good job to stay up with the leaders so far but Norwood is confident they still can scramble into the top four.

Form is certainly hard to follow in the Illawarra premier league this season . . . ask Corrimal coach Wally Miller.

After a slow start, Corrimal appeared to hit top form with some good wins but then they came up against lowly Bellambi.

They found themselves down 2-0 after just six minutes and were lucky to get back to 2-2 and salvage a point.

Then in the last few minutes, Corrimal looked to be off the hook when they gained a penalty but the usually reliable Graeme Edwards missed with the spot kick.

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Midfielder Phil Matias and the new $65,000 ground complex at Kelly Park were the toast of Coniston fans for the Shoalhaven City game.

The game marked the official opening of the new complex by Member for Wollongong Mr Eric Ramsay.

To mark the occasion, Matias hit home a hat-trick and narrowly missed making it four.

Formerly with the Wollongong Wolves Youth squad, Matias recently returned to Coniston and has brought about a big improvement.

Still only a youngster, Matias is in top form and has a key role to play as Coniston head towards the premiership.

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West-Figtree have launched a plan for a seven-a-side knockout at Graham Park the day after the premiership ends.

Backed to the tune of $1000 by Figtree Hotel and Tooths, it will be for district teams.

First prize in the final will be $500 with $250 to the runners-up.

Tooth will also provide raffle prizes for the day, with proceeds going to the Spastic Centre.

At $20 a team entry fee, it gives clubs a chance to win some money to settle up their end of season affairs.

Sth Australia

Tom McKain

It's all over for Azzurri — they've won the Rothmans League First Division title — but the battle is still raging, with two rounds to go, for the fourth place in the SA Coca Cola Top Four Cup, and the struggle to avoid relegation.

It was fitting that Azzurri won the title when they played against bottom team Noarlunga, who held them to an exciting 3-3 draw.

It was thrill-a-minute stuff as Azzurri went two goals up then Noarlunga made it 2-2 at half time before Azzurri hit the front again only to lose the lead and have to be content with a draw.

While the result could be considered a surprise it must be remembered that earlier in the season Noarlunga had stopped Azzurri with a 2-2 draw.

However, while Noarlunga lifted themselves off the bottom of the table they are above Elizabeth only on goal difference.

Elizabeth fell 1-0 to Para Hills on their own ground and are now in real trouble for the last two rounds.

They have to take on Cumberland away from home then second-placed Polonia at home.

Cumberland, like Elizabeth, are also in danger, lying eighth with 11 points, one ahead of Elizabeth and Noarlunga.

Cumberland were shot down 2-0 at Port Adelaide, who won't be relegated but also can t make the top four competition.

Cumberland's last game of the season is away to third-placed Beograd.

The latter suffered an astonishing 4-1 home defeat from Croatia which is now also in fourth place on 19 points the same as Beograd.

So we have Azzurri 26 points, Polonia 22 (both sure for top four place) followed by Beograd 19, Croatia 19 then Para on 16 with an outside chance.

Para play Beograd at home this week as they attempt to get into the four to defend the Coca Cola trophy they won last season under coach, Frank Schaper, who led Azzurri to the league title this year.

Croatia is at home to Azzurri, while Polonia is at home to Port.

It will be interesting to see if Azzurri, with the league trophy safely in their grasp, attempt to win their last two games with no holds barred, or try to reserve their strength for the treble — the addition of the Federation Cup and the Coca Cola Cup to their league crown.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Azzurri	16	12	2	2	45	13	26
Polonia	16	10	2	4	28	21	22
Beograd	16	8	3	5	30	24	19
Croatia	16	8	3	5	20	21	19
Para Hills	16	6	4	6	25	22	16
Port Adelaide	16	5	4	7	16	22	14
Campbelltown	16	5	3	8	15	18	13
Cumberland	16	4	3	9	14	24	11
Noarlunga	16	2	6	8	15	23	10
Elizabeth	16	2	6	8	9	29	10

Southern NSW

Steve Burns

The ACT Soccer Federation has lost one of its most capable and experienced administrators.

He is Mr Roger Grylls, the association's vice-president and treasurer.

Delivering his report at the executive committee's last meeting, Mr Grylls floored everyone when he concluded: "and that, gentlemen, will be my last treasurer's report. As of now I am resigning from the committee."

While Grylls has been declaring his intention to resign for some time, no one really expected it to be confirmed until the season, at least, was completed.

Work commitments and a loss of enthusiam for being involved in the administration of Soccer were the reasons given.

In accepting his verbal resignation, president Hal Leslie said: "Your going will create an enormous gap in Soccer administration in the ACT. You have given tremendous service to the code over the years and, quite honestly, we don't know where to begin looking for a replacement."

During his year with Soccer in the ACT, Roger Grylls, a bachelor, has been a member of the CCAE Soccer Club, chairman of the Canberra League, manager of a number of representative squads, both male and female and, for the past two and a half years, a member of the ACTSF executive committee, taking over the role of treasurer for which he was eminently qualified as a practising accountant.

More recently he has represented the ACTSF at meetings of the Australian Soccer Federation and was appointed as ACTSF vice-president following the 1980 annual general meeting.

While members of the committee endorsed Hal Leslie's comments, David Dillon, Philips Soccer League representative, expressed a hope that Grylls' resignation was "nothing more than a sabbatical and that he would be ready to return before long."

ACTSF secretary, Ron Harris believes the Federation, at present, couldn't do without Grylls' services and although he (Harris) was prepared to take on the tasks of the treasurer at present, he would be making frequent visits to Grylls for advice.

Before the meeting closed Grylls advised that he would still be available to assist in the World Youth Championship arrangements during October.

Even when you're up and winning with a clear 8-0 result, you can still go down, as ACT club West Woden Juventus discovered, after thrashing a hard working Goulburn Workers in round 14 of the NSW Southern League.

Juventus, lying second, but equal in every way with Downer Olympic prior to the latest round of fixtures, had good reason to feel pleased with its performance.

A hat-trick by Ernie Johns and single goals by Keni Kawalaleva, Jack Doherty, Mike Blackall, Leo Kennedy and Mike Boriszinski resulted in a second 8-0 loss by Goulburn in as many games.

However, news of Downer Olympic's 12-1 slaughter of the gallant Cootamundra soon defeated Juventus with the realisation that Olympic's goal difference put it ahead of Juventus, still equal on points, but now in third place.

In the meantime, premiership leader Croatia Deakin maintained its hold at the top when George Bailey, returning from a week's suspension, scored twice to help his side defeat Griffith club, Yoogali, 4-0. The other goals went to Phil Reis and Bernie Lustica, ensuring the retention of Croatia Deakin's undefeated record.

Macedonia Queanbeyan, undefeated itself since mid-May, now wears the crown of draw specialist in the NSW Southern League following its 1-1 home draw with equal fifth, on points, Albury Hotspurs.

The point lost by both sides did little to improve their chances of catching up with fourth-placed Belconnen United which returned from Griffith with a 4-0 triumph over Hanwood.

Midfielder, turned striker extraordinaire, Greg Willett scored all four goals for Belconnen to bring his tally in the last three games to 11.

In the one other game of the round, Kooringal Lions established itself as Wagga's top side when, for the second time this season, it crushed Wagga United.

The result, however, was an altogether better result, by two goals, for United than the 4-0 defeat in its first meeting with the Lions.

Downer Olympic became the holder of the ACT's 1981 Federation Cup when, after an exceedingly fast, entertaining and thrilling 120 minutes of Soccer it defeated the Australian National University (ANU) — on penalties.

A goal from ANU's Adrian Paviour broke the deadlock between the two sides in the 60th minute.

As the game raced toward the final minutes ANU seemed set to take the honours but, as so often happens, Downer Olympic's substitute, Nick Pomakis, zipped down the left, turned inward, shot across the goalmouth past ANU keeper, Peter Jones, to a waiting Rod Lynes who slammed the ball into the net.

With the scores still level after extra time the suspense continued as Olympic keeper, Zoltan Koumat saved ANU's first penalty, then Rod Lynes shot over the bar for Olympic

The deadlock was finally broken when ANU's final kicker, Tony Perkovic, hit the underside of the crossbar. A goal may have eventuated but for a tremendous cat-like reflex save by Kocmar who turned himself up and around to trap the ball on the goal line.

After the game, returning to an old cup-winners tradition, Downer Olympic treated the sporting losers, ANU, to a right-royal party at its club.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Croatia Deakin	14	12	2	0	63	9	26
Downer Olympic	13	10	2	1	52	10	22
West Woden Juventus	13	10	2	1	50	11	22
Belconnen United	13	10	1	2	40	12	21
Albury Hotspurs	13	7	2	4	30	19	16
Macedonia Queanbeyan	14	5	6	3	31	20	16
Kooringal Lions	14	6	0	8	29	29	12
Hanwood	14	4	3	7	27	34	11
Yoogali	14	2	3	9	21	35	7
Wagga United	14	1	2	11	14	52	4
Goulburn Workers	14	2	0	12	11	70	4
Cootamundra	14	0	3	11	13	80	3

STILL IN DARK ABOUT LIGHTS

By Tom McKain

While there are assurances from the SA Soccer Federation that all will be well with Hindmarsh Stadium for the World Youth Cup in October, television executives are not so convinced.

Channel 10 in Adelaide is still waiting on written confirmation that the floodlighting will be up to standard.

If it isn't, there is a very real chance Adelaide will lose its quota of matches — two night sessions involving four games and a daytime fixture for the play-off for third place.

Sydney network Ten executive Peter Booth informed the SA Federation the lights were not suitable for world-wide telecasts.

Following a meeting between Federation officials and Adelaide Ten's production manager Ron Christie, the tension was eased.

"If what the officials tell me is correct, there will be sufficient improvement in the lights to guarantee telecasts," said Mr Christie.

"But we are not saying the games will be televised until we receive written details on the plans to upgrade the lights."

SA Federation president, Mr Alex Hastings, said lights would be erected on the roof of the Hindmarsh Stadium stand, and adjustments made to the towers in each corner of the ground.

"We're confident we will be able to meet the lighting requirements," he said.

"We had intended to spend $30,000 uprgading the lights, but the specifications we provided were knocked back by Peter Booth.

"However, the latest plans appear to solve the problem, and they will be forwarded to Sydney for approval."

Adelaide is sharing matches with Canberra in Group C — West Germany, Mexico, Spain and Egypt.

And while it is in danger of losing the lot, Adelaide could get a bonus if its lights come up to expectations.

Canberra's Bruce Stadium lights have been beset with labor problems, and if they are not ready in time, SA could take over the Bruce Stadium fixtures.

• While Azzurri seem set to lift the SA League title, and are favourites for the Coca-Cola Top Four Cup, their bid for the treble, by also taking the Federation Cup, is not so clear-cut.

Fans appear to have forgotten that Azzurri has to travel to Whyalla Croatia for the quarter finals.

The remainder of the Cup draw, for those who have forgotten, is (home team first):

Beograd v Para Hills
Noarlunga v Modbury
Polonia v Port Adelaide.

This means the current top three in the league — Azzurri, Polonia and Beograd — are in contention, and bottom team Noarlunga is in with a chance of making the semi-finals.

Modbury is in second division, and struggling in eighth place.

The semi-finals will be played on September 5 and the final on September 12.

The Coca-Cola Top Four semi-finals are on August 22, with the final on September 2.

• When Peter Stanczak played his 250th match for Polonia against Noarlunga, he joined an elite band to earn his club life membership.

He is only the sixth player to achieve the 250 total for the club, the others being Marian Kolecki (409), Gerry Pettit (393), Henry Kolecki (382), Roger Romanowicz (291) and Wikton Koza (261).

Henry Kolecki is still a regular first team midfielder or forward.

Stanczak (26) is a recognised defender, but has scored 16 goals for the club since he made his debut on June 26 1971, after transferring from Lion.

SOCCER DOESN'T HELP SOCCER

By Wally Bruce

The Queensland Soccer Federation is a little bemused over Brisbane Gladiators recent joint venture with the Queensland Rugby Union, when they played their PSL match against Newcastle KB Raiders at Ballymore.

As far back as December last year, the QSF approached the PSL about the chances of having a "clear run" on September 6, when the local State League grand final will be played at Perry Park.

There is a possibility of that particular match being televised.

But after an approach from the QSF, Brisbane City officials refused to switch their second last PSL fixture against Adelaide Giants to the previous day to avoid a clash — unless the club received adequate compensation.

QSF officials are justified in feeling that while City have gone out of their way to work with an opposing code, the club seems to have little sympathy for the plight of its local "brothers".

WOLVES TO TOUR ASIA

by Keith Gilmour

The Kings Cup in Bangkok, a match in Singapore and another at home against the New Zealand touring team . . . all this is on the board for Wollongong City in its first PSL season.

On the away trip the Wolves will compete against the likes of South Korea, China, Malaysia Thailand, Singapore and Brunei, with a top Swedish club thrown in for good measure.

It all takes place in October, except that the New Zealand game has been set down for the Wollongong Showground on Tuesday, September 22.

For years the West Australian side has gone to Asia for the tournament but this time the vacancy fell Wollongong's way.

Wolves coach Ken Morton said that most of the money for travel has already been raised.

"We are up for the return fares, and the host Association will meet the accommodation charge for the three weeks involved.

"The players were glad to receive the chance to travel, but we will be without Paul Kay due to the World Youth Championship.

"Bill De Graaf will be going with New Zealand to the Merdeka tournament in August, so he has decided not to go to Bangkok," Morton added.

It would be super if Illawarra television channel WIN 4 was to televise the match from Singapore.

When Newcastle went there after last season the direct telecast was a huge success.

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THE PRESTO SOCCER QUIZ

How would you like to win a great Presto prize ?

Just answer the simple questions in A.S.W.'s PRESTO SOCCER QUIZ and send them on a sheet of paper to AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, PRESTO QUIZ, 261 Broadway, NSW 2007. Please state your preference — either a leg of Presto ham or five kilos of Presto smallgoods.

All entries have to be in this office by Monday. The first correct entry opened will be the winner.

Here are the answers to last week's Presto Quiz:-

1. Australia won 4-1. 2. Liverpool. 3. Yes. 4. Yes. 5. Iran. 6. Peter Ollerton.

The winner was:-

Angela Anton, of 18 Bucknell St, Newtown 2042. Angela chose a leg of Presto ham.

Now try this week's Presto Quiz:-

1. What teams will play in the English F.A. Charity Shield match between the Cup winners and the first division champions at Wembley this month ?

2. Which were the bottom two PSL teams in 1980 ?

3. In what year did the Philips League start ?

4. What country was beaten in the 1974 and 1978 World Cup Finals ?

5. How many teams played in the 1978 World Cup in Argentina ?

6. Did Atti Abonyi ever play for a Melbourne club ?

The name and address of the winner of this Quiz will be published in next week's AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY.

PRESTO
MEAT & SMALLGOODS

VICTORIA DIVISION ONE

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MARIBYRNONG	19	8	2	0	28	7	6	0	3	18	11	30
WESTERN	19	7	2	0	27	13	4	2	4	21	17	26
ALBION R.	19	7	0	2	21	8	3	4	3	17	17	24
BOX HILL	19	6	0	3	23	12	3	3	4	11	17	21
RICHMOND	19	5	1	4	16	10	3	2	4	11	12	19
KEILOR	19	5	1	4	18	17	3	2	4	12	16	19
ALTONA GATE	19	3	4	2	11	8	3	2	5	8	17	18
KEW PARK	19	2	6	2	8	6	2	3	4	7	12	17
PRAHRAN	19	4	2	4	12	13	1	4	4	6	18	16
KNOX CITY	19	5	0	5	18	14	1	2	6	8	19	14
MORWELL	19	1	5	3	8	10	3	0	7	14	20	13
MORELAND	19	2	2	5	13	23	2	1	7	8	27	11

VICTORIA DIVISION TWO

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
FAWKNER	19	6	3	1	27	13	4	3	2	16	11	26
DONCASTER	19	6	3	1	21	9	2	4	3	15	14	23
FRANKSTON PINES	19	3	3	3	11	12	6	2	2	14	7	23
FOOTSCRAY	19	2	3	4	8	15	6	2	1	20	10	21
MELBOURNE	19	5	2	3	16	15	3	3	3	12	12	21
PRESTON	19	4	2	3	17	14	4	1	5	13	18	19
SPRINGVALE	19	3	3	4	17	16	3	2	4	13	16	17
STH MELBOURNE	19	6	0	4	15	12	2	1	6	12	18	17
ARDEER	18	3	4	3	11	14	2	2	5	7	15	16
DANDENONG	19	3	2	3	10	13	3	1	6	11	18	15
HEIDELBERG U.	19	2	2	5	10	14	3	2	5	18	18	14
WAVERLEY	19	4	0	5	12	13	1	4	5	9	18	14

VICTORIA DIVISION THREE

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
RINGWOOD U.	19	6	2	1	17	7	6	3	1	14	9	29
BELL PARK	19	6	2	2	22	12	4	5	0	18	10	27
ST ALBANS	19	4	3	2	16	14	6	1	3	17	17	24
BROADMEADOWS	19	5	4	1	21	15	2	4	3	14	13	22
WERRIBEE	19	6	1	3	18	12	3	2	4	12	17	21
PT MELBOURNE	19	6	1	3	23	15	2	3	4	9	14	20
HEIDELBERG	19	4	2	4	20	15	3	2	4	17	21	18
CORIO	19	2	4	3	14	15	4	1	5	18	20	17
PRAHRAN CITY	19	4	1	4	12	15	3	2	5	15	15	17
YALLOURN	19	3	2	5	16	16	2	1	6	14	23	13
COBURG	19	1	4	4	10	14	2	2	6	9	18	12
ELTHAM	19	3	1	5	12	18	0	1	9	11	24	8

VICTORIA DIVISION FOUR

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MORNINGTON	19	8	2	0	31	10	6	2	1	19	12	32
NUNAWADING	19	7	2	0	28	5	6	1	3	27	14	29
SUNBURY U.	19	8	0	2	21	7	3	5	1	13	8	27
ROYAL PARK	18	8	1	0	23	5	4	2	3	13	16	27
BRIGHTON	19	5	3	1	16	8	4	3	3	19	13	24
NTH DANDENONG	19	1	8	1	8	7	4	2	2	12	9	20
KEYSBORO	19	3	0	6	10	18	4	2	4	13	10	16
MONASH	19	1	4	5	10	18	3	2	4	13	20	14
MOORABBIN	19	1	4	4	11	17	2	3	5	9	15	13
SANDRINGHAM	19	1	3	6	13	21	2	2	5	10	19	11
FERNTREE	19	2	1	6	10	19	1	4	5	7	19	11
CHELSEA	19	0	1	8	8	27	0	1	9	7	34	2

WEST AUSTRALIA STATE LEAGUE

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AZZURRI	14	6	1	0	18	5	7	0	0	14	3	27
KINGSWAY	14	6	1	0	15	6	1	2	4	6	15	17
EAST FREMANTLE	14	5	1	1	14	6	2	1	4	6	12	16
INGLEWOOD	14	3	1	3	8	6	4	0	3	14	10	15
FORRESTFIELD	14	2	4	1	10	8	2	3	2	10	8	15
SPEARWOOD	13	4	0	3	14	12	1	2	3	5	10	12
GOSNELLS	14	2	3	2	10	8	1	1	5	9	16	10
WEST PERTH	14	2	1	4	8	12	2	0	5	12	14	9
WINDMILLS	14	2	1	4	10	15	1	2	4	10	14	9
STIRLING C.	13	1	1	4	6	14	1	3	3	6	11	8

WEST AUSTRALIA DIVISION TWO

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ATHENA	17	6	1	1	25	10	7	2	0	22	4	29
NORTH PERTH	17	5	1	2	23	12	7	1	1	34	10	26
MELVILLE	17	5	2	2	18	9	5	2	1	20	6	24
COCKBURN	17	5	1	2	23	14	4	2	3	19	14	21
EAST PERTH	17	5	1	3	17	14	3	1	4	15	14	18
KELMSCOTT	17	6	1	2	23	12	1	2	5	8	16	17
BALGA	17	2	2	5	11	19	4	0	4	14	17	14
CANNING	17	3	2	4	21	23	2	1	5	10	19	13
KWINANA	17	2	1	5	7	12	3	2	4	18	24	13
OSBORNE PK	17	5	1	3	22	18	1	0	7	5	31	13
BASSENDEAN	17	0	2	6	7	22	4	2	3	16	18	12
UNIVERSITY	17	1	0	7	7	27	1	0	8	11	31	4

WEST AUSTRALIA DIVISION THREE

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BALCATTA	17	7	2	0	24	10	3	4	1	17	10	26
SWAN ATH.	16	6	1	2	22	8	5	0	2	12	8	23
SORRENTO	17	4	4	0	13	5	4	1	4	10	13	21
WANNEROO	17	4	2	3	13	11	3	2	3	13	14	18
ROCKINGHAM	17	2	4	3	15	17	3	4	1	9	7	18
BAYSWATER	16	4	1	2	11	7	2	3	4	12	14	16
PERTH CITY	17	1	1	6	8	19	5	3	1	21	11	16
BUNBURY C.	17	3	4	1	11	7	2	2	5	13	20	16
BEDFORD U.	17	3	2	4	14	22	2	3	3	9	12	15
TUART HILL	17	2	-3	4	12	16	2	3	3	13	15	14
QUEENS PK	17	4	1	3	10	5	1	1	7	9	13	12
SUBIACO	17	1	2	5	10	18	1	1	7	7	26	7

SOUTH AUSTRALIA DIVISION TWO

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
WEST TORRENS	18	6	2	1	25	9	6	2	1	20	8	28
WEST ADELAIDE	18	5	4	1	17	8	5	2	1	17	8	26
ADELAIDE CITY	18	5	2	2	20	12	6	1	2	17	11	25
BRIGHTON CITY	18	6	1	2	22	12	2	3	4	14	18	20
VICTORIA	18	3	2	4	13	13	5	1	3	12	9	19
WESTFIELDS	18	3	2	4	14	20	4	2	3	17	11	18
WHYALLA	18	3	2	4	15	20	4	2	3	18	18	18
MODBURY	18	3	0	6	13	15	4	3	2	17	10	17
LION	18	3	2	4	13	18	2	2	5	12	16	14
SALISBURY	18	1	4	5	7	13	3	1	4	13	13	13
STURT	18	2	2	4	9	17	1	4	5	11	26	12
WINDSOR	18	1	2	5	7	23	0	2	8	12	27	6

WEEK 2
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VIC.DIV.1	ALTONA GATE	RICHMOND	1	X	*
	KEILOR	ALBION R.	2	2	
	KEW PARK	MORWELL	3	1	
	KNOX CITY	MORELAND	4	1	
VIC.DIV.2	ARDEER	WAVERLEY	5	1	
	DONCASTER	FRANKSTON P.	6	X	*
	FAWKNER	FOOTSCRAY	7	1	
	MELBOURNE	HEIDELBERG U.	8	1	
	PRESTON	S. MELBOURNE	9	1	
	SPRINGVALE	DANDENONG	10	X	*
VIC.DIV.3	BELL PARK	PRAHRAN CTY.	11	1	
	BROADM'DOWS	CORIO	12	1	
	HEIDELBERG	ELTHAM	13	1	
	PT. MELBOURNE	ST. ALBANS	14	X	*
	RINGWOOD U.	WERRIBEE	15	1	
	YALLOURN	COBURG	16	X	
VIC.DIV.4	MONASH	MOORABBIN	17	2	
	MORNINGTON	BRIGHTON	18	1	
	N. DANDENONG	KEYSBORO	19	1	
	NUNAWADING	ROYAL PARK	20	1	
	SANDRINGHAM	FERNTREE	21	X	*
	SUNBURY U.	CHELSEA	22	1	
W.A. State League	KINGSWAY	E. FREMANTLE	23	1	
	SPEARWOOD	WINDMILLS	24	1	
	STIRLING C.	WEST PERTH	25	2	
W.A. Div.2	BASSENDEAN	UNIVERSITY	26	1	
	COCKBURN	ATHENA	27	2	
	KELMSCOTT	BALGA	28	1	
	KWINANA	EAST PERTH	29	2	
	NORTH PERTH	MELVILLE	30	X	*
	OSBORNE PK.	CANNING	31	1	
W.A. Div. 3	BAYSWATER	ROCKINGHAM	32	X	*
	BUNBURY C.	TUART HILL	33	1	
	QUEENS PK.	BALCATTA	34	2	
	SORRENTO	PERTH CITY	35	1	
	SUBIACO	BEDFORD U.	36	2	
	SWAN ATH.	WANNEROO	37	1	
S.A. State League	CROATIA	AZZURRI	38	2	
	CUMBERLAND	ELIZABETH	39	X	
	NOARLUNGA U.	CAMPB'LTOWN	40	2	
	PARA HILLS	BEOGRAD	41	2	
	POLONIA	PT. ADELAIDE	42	1	
S.A. Div. 2	ADELAIDE C.	W. TORRENS	43	X	*
	BRIGHTON CTY.	WHYALLA	44	1	
	LION	WESTFIELDS	45	2	
	MODBURY	VICTORIA	46	2	
	W. ADELAIDE	SALISBURY	47	1	
	WINDSOR	STURT	48	2	
QUEENSLAND	ANNERLEY	PINE RIVERS	49	1	
	COALSTARS	SALISBURY	50	1	
	DARRA	TARINGA	51	X	
	MITCHELTON	SUNNYSIDE	52	1	
	OLYMPIC	ACACIA RIDGE	53	2	
	TRIDENT	SOUTHSIDE	54	1	
	GOODNA	INDUSTRIAL	55	1	

Australian Soccer Weekly selection for Saturday's games.

(1 is a home win, 2 an away win and X a drawn game. Matches marked with asterisks are our tips for score-draws).

the Pools Results

SCORE DRAWS
3 pts 4, 14, 16, 22, 27, 35, 52, 53, 54

SCORELESS DRAWS
2 pts — NIL —

1 /	2 /	3 /	4 3	5 /	6 /	7 ½
8 ½	9 ½	10 /	11 ½	12 ½	13 ½	14 3
15 ½	16 3	17 /	18 ½	19 ½	20 ½	21 ½
22 3	23 ½	24 ½	25 ½	26 /	27 3	28 ½
29 /	30 ½	31 /	32 ½	33 /	34 /	35 3
36 /	37 ½	38 /	39 ½	40 /	41 ½	42 /
43 ½	44 /	45 ½	46 ½	47 ½	48 ½	49 /
50 /	51 ½	52 3	53 3	54 3	55 /	

AUSTRALIAN CHIT-CHAT

What a pity national coach Les Scheinflug didn't see Wollongong's Arno Bertogna in action before he selected his World Cup squad.

The big fellow is in devastating form and it is only a matter of time before he pulls on the green and gold again.

The ground he makes in his clearing runs is also valuable to Wollongong, taking pressure off the defence.

He makes it look all so easy, bringing the ball down under pressure and distributing it with ease.

Adelaide Hawks' coach Peter Jaksa reckons someone up there doesn't like him.

He points out that his team was ticking over, warming up for the game against Sydney Olympians the other week.

"It looked a certain home win, with our boys keen to follow up the 2-0 home win we had against Marconi," said Jaksa.

"Olympians were minus Peter Katholos away with the Socceroos, they had been having a bad run, were hit by injuries and it was too soon for their new player to play.

"What happens?

"Along comes the strike and our's is the only match affected.

"Now we have to play on a Friday night, then take on Heidelberg on the Sunday.

"When you're down it really is hard to pick yourself up again.

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That ill-advised Springbok Rugby tour of New Zealand continues to get NZ black-listed throughout the sporting world.

Latest suggestion is that Fiji will refuse to play New Zealand in the return World Cup elimination match on August 19.

If this happens, where would it place the Kiwis? Presumably high and dry at the top of the Oceania Group — because FIFA would surely award New Zealand two points on default.

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Azzurri and Campbelltown officials had an "amalgamation" meeting as predicted — but so far nothing official has been announced.

Word is they will wait until they see if Adelaide Hawks are going to be relegated from the Philips Soccer League, then they will swoop to take their place.

The Australian is hardly the paper you'd want to buy if you are a Soccer follower but at least they should try to get their facts right.

A few days ago, The Australian's London man, Murray Hedgcock, apprehensive about the start of another English Soccer season, wrote: "The F.A. Charity Shield match will, as uaual, give us a half-filled Wembley on Aubust 22 when Cup winners Tottenham Hotspur play first division champions Aston Villa."

Half-filled Wembley? Rubbish. ASW tips a crowd of at least 80,000 and receipts of more than $700,000.

That wouldn't be a bad turn-out for a match which, according to Mr Hedgcock, "inspires nobody."

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Wollongong Wolves full-back Peter Willis was out of action for the recent game against West Adelaide.

It seems he played in the Youth team the previous weekend against Leichhardt and injured a knee ligament.

The injury came about through a collision with team-mate Jim McBreen.

Who was sitting next to Willis on the bench for the West Adelaide game? McBreen because he had accumulated 12 points and had to serve a one-game suspension.

Channel 0/28 continues to serve up an excellent Friday night one-hour Soccer offering but it would be nice if front man David Fordham would challenge some of the comments from his guests.

For instance, when Sir Arthur George, president of the Australian Soccer Federation, blamed the "print media" for the turmoil in Soccer, why did Fordham allow Sir Arthur to get away with it?

Would Fordham have been so tolerant if the accusation had been made against the electronic media?

Sadly, top administrators in many sports freely blame the media whenever things go wrong.

Sir Arthur, himself, complained about "exaggeration" by the Press covering the Socceroos disastrous November/December tour last year.

Later events — and the elimination of Rudi Gutendorf — fully justified what was written on that tour.

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Do many of ASW's readers watch The Two Ronnies?

There was a crack from the little Ronnie recently which we liked. It was referred to as a news item:- "Soccer violence during a match between City and United was interrupted this afternoon when 22 players invaded the pitch for 90 minutes".

The same inspiration which lifted Adelaide Giants defender Bobby Russell into a goalscoring frame of mind apparently has been caught by Brisbane Lions Col Bennett.

Before this season, Russell had not scored a goal for the Giants and big Col, apart from a couple of unfortunate "own goals", also had never been on the scoring list since 1977.

But now the two former Socceroos have scored four times for their respective clubs and Bennett's latest was obviously the pick of the bunch, when he charged into Sydney Slickers goalmouth to head in Jim Hermiston's free-kick to equalise at 3-3 in the last home game.

Makes you think what an asset he may have been in the backline of the Socceroo lineup this year, aided by this new-found asset.

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A Polish physician and sports journalist, Dr Janusz Kukalski, has been in Australia recently to do research on Australian Soccer.

He says it's almost impossible to follow Australian Soccer in Europe — not because of lack of publicity, but because the names keep changing year after year!

Dr Kukalski, an author of statistical books on world Soccer, says that the Polish team for the World Youth Championships in Australia later this year will be strong, but says West Germany will be the best team, followed by the likes of England, Argentina and Poland.

Dr Kukalski is honorary president of the Polish Association of Sports Souvenir Collectors, and is interested in exchanging Australian and Oceania souvenirs, eg. newspapers, books, programmes, pennants, badges.

Write to Janusz Kukalski MD, Poselska 18/H, 31-002 Krakow, Poland, or through Jozef Drewniak, 505 Pitt St, Sydney.

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Canberra Arrows' volunteer extraordinaire — Bob Preston — has finally called it quits . . . that is as far as his unpaid, demanding task of club secretary is concerned.

It was one of those situations where you volunteer as a stopgap, do a good job and everyone expects you to serve indefinitely.

Bob ran Canberra's licensed club for almost a year, and did a remarkable job.

Now he has had to ease off — but insists he will still be involved with the club in other capacities.

The recent full match appearance of Neil Endacott for Newcastle Raiders marked one of the most determined comebacks of all time. With serious injuries, including a fractured skull, doctors thought it improbable Neil would ever play again following a serious car accident last year.

Though it has been a long haul back, his 90 minute stint filling in for the injured Paul Reaney showed he has lost none of his skill or application.

Most locals can remember Neil scoring the only goal of the match against Marconi in 1979 in front of over 15,000 fans when Bobby Charlton guested for KB, so he really showed his versatility by deputizing as full-back for his return match.

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Neat switch. Adelaide City coach Bob D'Ottavi, who didn't have many nice things to say about Brisbane referee Col Amos the other week, was quick to praise another Queenslander last week.

"I thought Denis Nugent gave an excellent performance in the Newcastle game," said D'Ottavi.

But he did add it might have had something to do with the fact the game was not in Brisbane!

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There's an interesting sporting chat show on Sydney's radio 2GB every Saturday morning and, while it's 80 per cent Rugby League orientated (naturally!), it's still worth a listen.

We were interested in an interview last Saturday with one of the officials trying to push Australian Rules in Sydney.

This character insisted that there was room for both codes in NSW — Rugby League and Aussie Rules. He then came out with the remarkable comment: "The two codes should present a united front against Soccer!"

It would be easy for Soccer followers to be angry about this. On reflection, though, we should be flattered.

Soccer may be short of a few thousand spectators at matches but it's nice to know the round ball game remains the big threat to the two better-supported footballing codes.

READERS' FORUM

In this spot every week, we shall publish extracts from readers' letters — good or bad! If you want your opinions aired, please keep letters and postcards short and to the point.

Write to The Editor, AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, 261 Broadway, NSW 2007.

I'm writing this letter concerning the "secret tape" issue which involves Heidelberg defender John Yzendoorn, who was suspended for four World Cup matches by the ASF.

Yzendoorn who was very angry about this decision said that he will not take it lying down and that he will try to appeal. With this attitude, Yzendoorn seems to want to make matters worse for himself, for he knows by taking this issue any further he is truly jeopardising his chances of ever wearing the proud colours of green and gold.

Or, maybe Yzendoorn doesn't want to represent Australia at all.

Yzendoorn's excuse for taping the team talk, given by former coach Rudi Gutendorf a few days before the match with New Zealand is quite satisfactory. But, why did he tape the talk in secret? For I am quite sure notes were allowed to be taken.

The main reason I question Yzendoorn, is why was the tape allowed to get into the hands of David Jack, a journalist from the "Sydney Sun"? Surely Yzendoorn could see the repercussions of the tape getting to the media.

No matter what Yzendoorn's reasons, it was totally irresponsible of him to let the tape get in the wrong hands.

He gave the Press the right to make a mountain out of a molehill and to use him as a "scapegoat" for Australia's disappointing performance against New Zealand.

In my opinion it won't hurt Yzendoorn at all, to swallow his pride and sit-back, or in simpler terms, to SHUT-UP. That is if Yzendoorn is totally committed to the game of Soccer.

Let's face it, one little John Yzendoorn (as Rale Rasic stated) can't win a battle against the ASF especially when the ASF has a lot of influence on player selections for the national squad. But, I do feel the suspension is justified, for disciplinary measures like this will not go astray.

One thing is certain — Australia needs the outstanding John Yzendoorn. He is the best defender in this country.

The Question 1,
Melbourne.

It was with interest that I read Steve Burns' report on the Heidelberg - Canberra clash played Sunday, July 19th 1981, at Bruce Stadium.

Quote: "A fantastic second half goal blitz saw relegation-threatened Heidelberg serve Canberra its worst ever home defeat with a crushing 5-1 victory in Canberra on Sunday." Unquote.

NOT SO!

Newcastle KB United (as it was then) defeated Canberra 5-1 at Bruce Stadium on 19 August 1979.

Again it was a tremendous second half performance, by KB that won the match.

Granted last Sunday was Canberra's worst defeat in 1981 but only equal to the 1979 scoreline.

A devoted Raiders fan
Mascot, NSW

I would like to raise two items that annoyed me enough to put pen to paper.

The first: A mid-week League match between the Demons and Slickers is reported in your paper (Quote): "Superb entertainment" and "The game provided fireworks which are associated with top football and I certainly enjoyed it."

Alex Vesic ASW 21.7.81

In the opposition Sydney paper we read "It was a forgettable evening: an irritating Blacktown: a naive Syd City: in the nocturnal wilderness".

Sir, enlighten me how Andrew Dettre and Mr Vesic can differ so greatly. I agree with your reporter. So maybe Mr Dettre was at the wrong ground!

The second matter also arises from your opposition's paper.

Australian international Alan Maher recently has taken to commenting on happenings or hear-say that has occurred at certain grounds and between certain players. The Rugby League executive did not tolerate players bringing the game into disrepute in the Press, and I hope Soccer will act to cease the rubbish this player seems to need to write about.

Surely this man can find something positive to write about our national game.

B.M. Adair
Marayong, NSW

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IRISH STAR TURNS DOWN ARSENAL

Frank Stapleton has turned down a big Arsenal offer and seems determined to get away from Highbury.

He says: "I'm open to offers. I'll go to any club which want to win something. I'm not moving just for the money."

Wealthy clubs in Italy and West Germany are watching the Stapleton situation closely but the strongest bidders could be English teams.

Stapleton, a Republic of Ireland international, would be welcomed with open arms by Manchester City, Manchester United or Liverpool.

Manchester City manager John Bond commented: "Stapleton is right at the top of my shopping list — he would be a great boost to the City side.

"I shall talk to Arsenal and, if I get any encouragment, will ask the City chairman what money is available."

CHARLIE GEORGE BLASTS OFF

Charlie George, one of the great football names of a few years ago, is available for transfer from Southampton . . . but nobody wants him.

Now George has blasted "frightened" club managers who he thinks won't sign him because he is hard to handle.

There seems little chance of George winning back a first team place at Southampton. That's why the club has agreed to sell him.

But where are the buyers? Only one outfit, Birmingham City, has shown any willingness to take the controversial striker. Birmingham, though, are short of cash and cannot raise the fee.

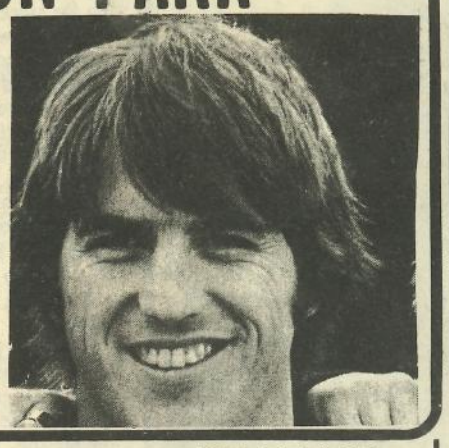
Charlie George says: "Managers look at players like me and don't have the courage to put us on the payroll. People talk and others are daft enough to listen. Before long, a player gets a bad reputation.

"When I look at some club bosses in big jobs, it's almost a compliment to realise they don't want me. There are very few good managers around."

The former Arsenal wizard is now 30. He played as a "guest" in Australia for St George without much success.

For the benefit of all those people who want to know . . . the 1981-82 English football season kicks off on Saturday, August 29.

LATCHFORD LEAVES GOODISON PARK



Bob Latchford, who had six weeks in Australia with Brisbane Lions recently, is all set for a transfer — from Everton to Swansea City.

The clubs have agreed on the fee which is $300,000.

Latchford's only worry is the hamstring injury which caused him to miss 30 matches for Everton last season. He hopes it is strong enough to survive a medical exam.

Latchford said: "The hamstring held up while I played with Brisbane Lions so I am optimistic."

Fulham are all set to make a profit of at least one thousand per cent on their Welsh international forward Gordon Davies.

Davies cost $30,000 when Fulham bought him from Merthyr Tydfil.

Now Arsenal fancy the player and plan to watch him early in the new season. They'll have to play 10 times the fee Davies cost Fulham if they want to get him.

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Ivan Golac, the Yugoslavian defender, could be leaving Southampton after a dispute with the management.

Golac was in the U.S.A. for the recent Trans-Atlantic Challenge Cup (won by Seattle Sounders) but he was not selected for any of Southampton's three matches.

Golac was left out for disciplinary reasons after failing to attend two training sessions.

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NO PEACE IN YOUNG BATTLE

Hopes of peace being restored between Arsenal and their Scottish international centre-half Willie Young were dashed last week.

Arsenal suspended and fined Young for an article in a London Sunday paper. Manager Terry Neill hoped Young would reconsider his position but the player isn't interested.

Young has slapped in a written request for transfer. "I think I have played my last game for Arsenal — I want to get away quickly," said Young, who claims he was the only Arsenal first team player not offered a wage rise.

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Tommy Cavanagh, who was assistant to Dave Sexton and to Tommy Docherty at Old Trafford, has moved to Newcastle United where he will be number 2 to manager Arthur Cox.

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ISPWICH GET THEIR MAN

Ipswich Town boss Bobby Robson can sleep well at night now — he has finally secured Dutchman Frans Thijssen on a new contract.

Thijssen was voted England's "player of the year" by the Football Writers Assocation.

After flying to Holland with the contract, Robson said: "I'm delighted to have this matter all sorted out. It means all my top players have now re-signed for next season."

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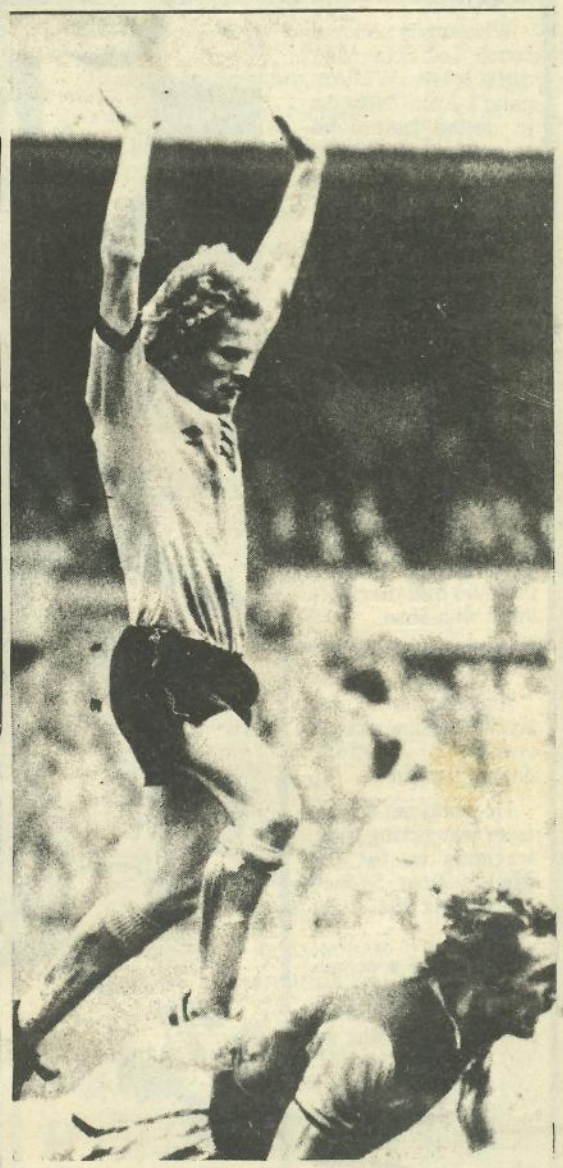
Steve Williams of Southampton is one of the top midfielders in England but nobody is jumping in to buy him — even though Southampton will sell. Manchester City, West Ham and Leeds United all made enquiries about Williams but lost interest when quoted a fee of $1,300,000. It is no longer a seller's market.



"DON'T TOUCH ANDY GRAY!"

John Barnwell, manager of Wolves, is furious about speculation that his star forward Andy Gray could be transferred.

Barnwell warns all intending buyers to keep clear. He said that he might consider selling if anyone wanted to pay $6,000,000 but for any lesser figure the answer would be "no."

"I'm fed up reading stories about other clubs wanting certain players. That amounts to an illegal approach when a player is under contract."

By the way, Andy Gray is STILL the most expensive player in Britain. When he moved from Aston Villa to Wolves, the fee paid was $2,800,000.

WARK SIGNED UP — JUST IN TIME

It's lucky for Ipswich their star Scotsman, John Wark, signed a four-year contract before going on holiday.

Wark went to Italy for his holiday — the trip being a prize for being voted "Europe's Young Player of the Year." While there, he was contacted by Fiorentina and Bologna with offers which would have made him independent for life.

Last season, Wark scored 35 goals, a feat he describes as "not bad for a defensive midfielder!"

Wark was born in Glasgow and when only 15, was invited to Maine Road with his mate Alan Godfrey for trials with Manchester City.

City boss Malcolm Allison rejected Wark but signed Godfrey.

The bottom line of the story is — Godfrey is now back in Glasgow working as a bus conductor.

Wark, meanwhile, is one of the most valuable players in the world.

Last season, he was voted "player of the year" by the Professional Footballers Association. Voting is restricted to players in that Association.

HOOLIGANS WON'T GET TICKETS

When West Bromwich Albion play Grasshoppers in Zurich in the UEFA Cup in September, it will be a waste of time for any West Brom fans to travel without a ticket.

The game has been made all-ticket in an effort to curb any hooliganism.

West Brom secretary Tony Rance says: All trips will be organised by our club. Anybody not going on the official trip will not be able to get a ticket."

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Wrexham's Welsh international goalkeeper Dai Davies has been sold to Swansea City — and that's the third time Swansea have signed him in the past 11 years.

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UNITED OUT OF POCKET

The European Common Market limit on transfer fees certainly cost Manchester United plenty when Joe Jordan signed for A. C. Milan.

Milan paid United a fee of only $350,000. If Jordan had joined an English club, he would have fetched twice that figure. And United reckon a suitable replacement will cost them four times what Milan paid for Jordan.